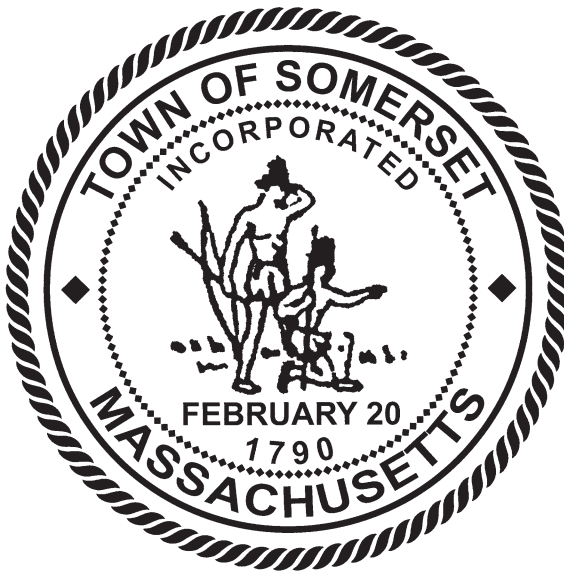


TOWN OF SOMERSET INCORPORATED 1790

153RD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF SOMERSET



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2013

IN MEMORIAM

HOUSING AUTHORITY

John V. Donnelly, Jr. - Former Commissioner

Alice Dumenigo - Former Commissioner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrolman B.J. Voss

SOMERSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Anna Danielson – Retired Guidance Counselor

Estelle Teasdale – Retired Teacher

Gertrude O’Neil – Retired Teacher

Mary Maynard – Retired Cafeteria Employee

RETIREMENTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chief David Messier

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Thomas Pemberton

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrolman David Pelletier

TOWN NURSE

Tamra LaMothe

COUNCIL ON AGING

Michelle D'Allesandro, Director

SOMERSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Deborah Cimo – Chace Street School Principal

Lori Anderson – Music and Fine Arts Coordinator

Maureen Donnelly – Assistant to North Elementary Principal

Paul Krupa – Teacher

. Barbara Urban – Teacher

Kathleen Corbeil – Teacher

Barbara Janelle – Paraprofessional

Judith Patnaude – Administrative Assistant

Katherine Lesniak – Cafeteria Manager

Kenneth Chorlton – Custodian

David Rego – Custodian

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Donald Fortin

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the residents of Somerset:

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your interest in our town.

Following the May 2013, Town Election the Board of Selectmen met and organized, welcoming Selectmen Scott Lebeau to the Board. Mr. Lebeau's knowledge of town history and government will be an asset to the Board. Donald Setters and veteran Selectmen Patrick O'Neil were elected Chairman and Clerk of the Board of Selectmen respectively and Scott Lebeau was named Board of Health Chairman.

In preparation for establishing goals and objectives a Fiscal Task Force made up of representative from different departments and committees in town to transition the town through a time when it has lost a significant amount of revenue from the power plants, was set up. In 2014, the Fiscal Task Force will continue to meet monthly to provide options on how the town can financially get through the next several years.

It should be noted that two issues have become major priorities that became a large part of our work in the past year. One is the management of the Town's finances. The other is examining and improving the way that the Town government functions. During 2013, the town's website took on a new look – one that is more user friendly for residents and businesses. Major financial concerns prompted the need to add regular Department Head meetings in order to help foster better communications between departments.

The Board also continued to work in its regulatory capacity. The Board reviews and approves liquor licenses, as well as common victuallers' and entertainment licenses. In addition, the Board reviews and approves Class 1 Auto Dealer and Class 2 Used Car Dealer Licenses. In addition to being the Licensing Authority, the Board of Selectmen serves as the Board of Health and hiring authority. As the Local Licensing Authority the Board granted applications for twenty-seven liquor license renewals and three applications for transactions on existing liquor licenses. The Board reviewed and granted one application for a one day liquor license. The Board held two status hearings on Used Car Dealer Licenses, granted one new Used Car Dealer License, entertained one transaction on a Used Car Dealer License and granted renewal of eighteen Used Car Licenses and renewal of two Auto Dealer Licenses. In addition the Board granted renewal of twenty-four Common Victuallers, eight entertainment and four amusement licenses. Serving as the Board of Health, the Board held two status hearings on Tobacco licenses.

The town had several retirements this year from long term key employees. In August, after working thirty-two years for the town, Deputy Fire Chief David Messier retired.

Town Nurse Tamara LaMothe retired in February after thirteen years with the town and Council on Aging Director Michelle D'Allsendro retired after twenty-eight years with the town. We sincerely wish them well, and appreciate their loyal and dedicated years of service to Somerset.

As we look back upon 2013, we believe we have diligently pursued our mission “to provide proactive leadership engage in effective communication with the public and municipal employees while overseeing a friendly, cost effective efficient government. Highlights worthy of mention are the significant repairs to the elevator at town office; and the replacement of the heating system at town office; award of the five-year trash contract with Republic Services; Signed in-lieu-of tax agreement with the owner of the Brayton Point Power Plant; revamp of the town’s website.

As we move forward into another year, we do so with the knowledge that much lies ahead of us and a myriad of projects waits our attention. We pledge to work to attain only the best for our community while remaining steadfast in our resolve to do so in a financially responsible manner. We encourage all to get involved and look forward to hearing your ideas and thoughts in the upcoming months. The Board of Selectmen encourages all residents of the Town to participate in Town government.

In closing, we extend our sincere appreciation to our Town Administrator, our office staff, and Town Departments for their cooperation, dedication and loyalty.

Respectfully Submitted,

Somerset Board of Selectmen
Donald Setters, Jr.
Patrick P. O’Neil
Scott Lebeau

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

SELECTMEN

Donald P. Setters, Chairman	2015
Patrick B. O'Neil, Clerk	2014
Scott Lebeau, Board of Health Chair	2016

MODERATOR

Lucia M. Casey	2014
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TOWN CLERK

Dolores Berge	2014
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TAX COLLECTOR

Lisa M. Viana	2014
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TOWN TREASURER

Kathleen M. Trafka	2014
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ASSESSORS

Michael Correia	2014
Marc W. Dionne, Chariman	2015
Stephanie Schecter, Clerk	2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jamison D. Souza, Vice Chair	(appt. until May 2014)
Vacancy	2016
Robert Camara, Chair	2014
Donald Rebello,	2014
Victor Machado	2015
Lori A. Rothwell	2016

SOMERSET-BERKLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Richard Peirce, Chairperson	2016
Elizabeth White, Vice Chairperson	2014
Julie Ramos-Gagliardi	2015
Victor Machado	(appointed member)
Jamison D. Souza	(appointed member)

DIMAN REG. VOC. TECH. H.S. COMMITTEE

Donald M. DiBiasio	2016
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONS

John Walsh	2016
Scott O'Brien	2014
Steven Rivard	2015

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Eleanor Buckley, Secretary	2014
Melissa Terra	2014
David M. Cucinotta, Vice Chairman	2015

Elizabeth Langfield, Chairman	2015
Gayle Bradbury	2016
Amanda L.Viana	2016

PLAYGROUND & RECREATION COMMISSION

Richard Silvia, Chairman	2014
Maryellen Aspden, Clerk	2015
Jennifer Costa	2016 (Resigned 4/25/2013)
Vacancy	2016
Joseph Duarte	(appointed until 5/2014)
James Pereira	2017
Raymond Frizado	2018

PLANNING BOARD

Gary Simons, Chairman	2018
Timothy Turner, Vice Chariman	2014
William F. Raposa Jr.	2015
Robert Rebello, Clerk	2016
John W. Toulan	2017

SOMERSET HOUSING AUTHORITY

Thomas Potter	2017
Christopher Migneault	2015
Matthew Aspden	2016
Antone Soares, Jr.	2014
Barry Sullivan	(State appointed)

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Dennis F. Luttrell

TOWN COUNSEL

Clement Brown, Esq.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR

Joseph Bolton

SUPERINTENDENT SEWER DEPARTMENT

Harold J. Gracia Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Brian Martin (appt. June 13, 2013)

SUPERINTENDENT AND PLANT MANAGER WATER DEPARTMENT

Robert Lima

HEALTH AGENT

Joseph Carvalho (Acting)

CONSERVATION AGENT

Timothy Turner

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

Bonnie Mendes

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Rebecca Leverett

(Resigned May 3, 2013)

Barry Fontain

(appt. July 15, 2013)

SEALER OF STANDARDS

Dennis Thibault

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Sherri Vale-Turner (R)

2016

Kenneth E. Raymond (D)

2015

Joseph Costa (R)

2014

Dolores Berge, Clerk (D)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

James O'Rourke, Chairman

2014 (resigned June 30, 2013)

Antone Luciano

2014

Steven Cadorette, Chairman

2016

James J. Pimental, Clerk

2015

Barbara Smith (alternate)

2016

Sharron Schoonover Furtado (alternate)

2015

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary Ann MacDonald, Clerk

2015

Sheila Weinberg, Chairman

2014

Karen Doyle

2016

James O'Rourke, Jr.

2014

Kara Johnston

2015

Anthony Kucikas

2016

Richard Shane

2016

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Elizabeth Botelho

TREE WARDEN

Antone Cabral

FENCE VIEWER/FIELD DRIVER

Brian Martin

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING AGENT

Joel Reed

WIRE INSPECTOR

David Tavares

ASSISTANT WIRE INSPECTOR

George W. Gauthier, Jr.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Scott O'Brien

Christopher Costa

(appt. June 13, 2013)

FOREST WARDEN

Scott H. Jepson

TOWN PHYSICIAN

Karen Smigel, M.D.

TOWN NURSE

Tamra LaMothe

(Retired May 16, 2013)

Kelly Andrade

(appt. August 5, 2013)

HARBOR MASTER

Robert Ganem

Dennis J. Mello (asst.)

David R. Messier (asst.)

VETERANS AGENT

Heather Cheetham

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Stephen Rivard

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Robert Correia

ADVISORY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Clyde Mitchell

(Resigned Feb. 12, 2013)

Laurent Guay, Vice Chairman

2015

Christopher Godet

2016

Virginia Wade

2015

Dominic Raffa

2014

Atty. Steven P. Sabra

2014

Doris Rousseau

2016

Darryl Forbes

2015

Bruce Coray

2014

Joseph F. Quin, Jr.

2015 (Appt. Apr. 5, 2013)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Karen Smigel

2015

John V. Costa

2014

Ronald Lassonde, Chairman

2016

Robert Camara, Vice Chairman	2014
Matthew K. Talbot	2015
Timothy Turner, Clerk	2014
Joseph Duarte	2015

COUNCIL ON AGING

Director

Michelle D'Allesandro	(Retired August 2, 2013)
Traci Thibault	(Appointed Sept. 23, 2013)
Susan Oliveira, Assistant	(appt. Dec. 2, 2013)

Council on Aging Board

Mary Levesque	2015
John Dator	2016
Lee Gosselin	2015
Marion Bower	2015
Joseph Sheppard	2014
Lucia M. Casey	2016
Muriel Gamache	2016

SOMERSET CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thomas Potter, Chairman	2013
Christine Boardman	2013
Katherine A. Zorabedian	2016
Matt Paquin	2016
Wayne LaRoche	2015
Joan Emerson	2015
Michael Monte	2018

DISABILITIES COORDINATOR

Joel Reed	2014 (resigned 9/2013)
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Stephen Silverman, Chairman	
Michael Macedo, Vice Chairman	
David Costa, Secretary/Treasurer (deceased December 2013)	
Arthur Gauthier	Gayle Murray-Ulrich
John Dator	Mark Azar
James A. Velozo	Karen A. Medeiros
Roger Benevides	Timothy Turner
Edward Migneault	Raymond A. Dionne
Joyce M. Mello	Matt Fernandes
Michael McDonald	James E. Burke
Thomas McDonald	

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Clorite	2014
Stephen P. Moniz (Public Safety)	2014
Joseph Flanagan	2014
Mary Murphy	2014
Cheryl Crossley-Simmons	2014
Pauline Camara (School K-8)	2014
Vacancy	2014
Richard Peirce (SBRHS)	2014

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

James O'Rourke, Chairman	2014
Dennis Luttrell, Clerk	2014
Maryellen Aspden, Vice Chair	2014
Donald P. Setters, Jr.	2014
John Toulon	2014
Timothy Turner	2014
Antone Soares Jr.	2014

SOMERSET POLICE DEPARTMENT**CHIEF**

Joseph Ferreira

ADMINISTRATIVE CAPTAIN

Stephen P. Moniz

OPERATIONS CAPTAIN

Glen Neto

LIEUTENANT

Thomas Mello

Jeffrey Cote

DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT

Armand Cabral

SERGEANT

Todd V. Costa

Tracey Costa

Matthew Reis

DETECTIVE SERGEANT

Jay Borges

PATROLMAN

Peter E. Massa

David R. Pelletier

(Retired February 28, 2013)

Brian M. Page
Paul S. Trenholme
William R. Tedford
Christopher R. Phenix
Raymond Almeida, Jr.
Jared J. Linhares
David G. Labreche
Keith Wilkinson
Ricardo J. Pavao (Resigned Feb. 27, 2013)
Adam G. DaRosa
Jason Matos
Nicholas Davidson
Ryan Toulin
Brendan Hague
Kevin Borges
Brian Dempsey
Gerard Guimond
Benjamin Voss (deceased Sept. 7, 2013)
Donald Cormier
Christopher Magan

SOMERSET FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF

Scott H. Jepson

DEPUTY CHIEF

David R. Messier (Retired August 4, 2013)

Paul Paquette (appt. August 4, 2103)

LIEUTENANT

Rene Thibault

Shawn Kerrigan

Scott Sylvester

Jason Phillips

Paul A. Paquette

Paul B. Thibault

Jamison Barros

FIREFIGHTERS

Michael L. Chagnon

Donald M. Dionne

Francis R. Sullivan, Jr.

Scott J. Benevides
Steven P. Silva
John W. Accord Jr.
Marcel Dube
Ronald R. Audette
William Rodriques
Jerry A. Cunha
Craig Costa
Aaron Fisher
John R. Soares
Curt Scherny
Todd J. Arruda
Ann Marie Peckham
Kory Koster
Jeffrey Langlois
John Sulyma
Carlton Dort
Jason Berube

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

A continuing focus this year was the planning for the redevelopment of the area surrounding the Somerset end of the Veteran's Memorial Bridge. The Town continues to work with the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development Authority and Southcoast Rail and has obtained additional planning grants. Further planning will be needed in the coming year as the Town awaits the Commonwealth to transfer the land adjacent to the bridge to the Town, which is expected within the next year.

Last year I included a paragraph regarding the Town's tax rates, however, this year I am unable to do so. The town's residential, commercial, industrial and personal property tax rates were not set due to the failure of the Treasurer's Department to reconcile the town's cash, tax rates were not set and tax bills were not issued in December as a result for the first time.

The General Government budget was reduced by over a half million dollars (\$529,097) from the prior year. The department heads and I continue to endeavor to maintain services and reduce expenses. The Town continues to explore energy conservation opportunities and energy generation possibilities to reduce costs to the taxpayers and because it is environmentally responsible to do so. Town Meeting approved the use of Town lands for photovoltaic generation and a significant revenue opportunity is being pursued. This new revenue will reduce the tax rate.

The Friends Meeting House was approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at the end of the year for their nomination of the building and site for the National Register of Historic Places and was also placed on the Commonwealth's Register of Historic Places. I have been working with the Town's Historic Commission to this end for several years and I thank them for all of their hard work and support. Placement on the National Register will provide recognition and assists in preserving our nation's heritage. Certain Federal investment tax credits for rehabilitation and other provisions may apply. I look forward to announcing next year of the placement of this historic site on the National Register.

We continued the regionalized Animal Control Department saving tax dollars while improving coverage through an inter-governmental agreement with the Town of Swansea.

Every day it seems that we receive more negative news regarding the revenue forecasts. The Town's department heads continue to rise to meet the challenges posed by tighter budgets and demands for services. I assure residents that Somerset's Town government continues to stand ready to meet whatever challenges that may come our way. We have an excellent team in place that will collectively rise to such challenges and meet them head on.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel, Clem Brown and Nancy Messier and Paula Ramos of this office for the support they have provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis F. Luttrell
Town Administrator.

TOWN CLERK

As I near the end of my first 3 year term as your Town Clerk, I am pleased to report the following. Our office has had a very busy year. We have implemented many upgrades to the Office including compliance with the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Statistics for electronic registrations of Birth records. This year, the Registry will begin electronic registrations of Death records. With the startup of the Town's new website, www.townofsomerset.org, our office has taken advantage of providing residents with as much up to date information regarding the services we provide, along with posting all meeting notices, election information, trash pick-up information, campaign finance information, marriage license information and fees related to our services. During 2013, both myself and my Assistant, Kathleen Maiato, were commissioned by the Governor as Justices of the Peace.

The Office of the Town Clerk offers many services on a walk-in basis to the residents, such as, issuing marriage licenses; sporting licenses; dog licenses; transfer station passes; certified copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates; voter registration; absentee ballot applications; and raffle and bazaar permits. In addition, the Office of the Town Clerk serves as the filing/clerical office for the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the filing office for the Planning Board. Residents can also obtain Town Meeting warrants, sample ballots for elections, street maps, annual reports and the annual street list (\$10) in our office.

Our office is pleased to continue to sell sporting licenses to area residents. With the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's implementation of on-line purchasing only, many of our neighboring communities chose to eliminate this as a service out of their Town Clerk's office. We have welcomed customers from the surrounding area and encourage them to continue to take advantage of this service that Somerset offers. Our office nearly doubled our sporting license sales this year!

The Office of the Town Clerk serves as the liaison office of the Board of Registrars and maintains voter registrations and all materials related to elections. The Town Clerk is responsible for the coordinating and administering all local and State elections. As required by Massachusetts General Laws, minutes of the Annual Town Meeting, Special Town Meetings and all election results for the year were permanently recorded in the Town records.

During the calendar year of 2013, the following were issued:

Dog Licenses – 403

Raffle & Bazaar Permits – 3

Burial Permits – 131

Business Certificates Issued – 29, Withdrawn – 7

Sporting Licenses: Sporting – 53, Hunting – 20, Freshwater Fishing – 68, Saltwater Fishing – 87

Zoning Variances and/or Special Permits – 27

Vital Statistic recordings were made of the following:

Marriages	72
Deaths	245
Births	111

We look forward to serving the residents again this year!

Respectfully submitted,
Dolores Berge, Town Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Town of Somerset Board of Registrars hereby report that residents eligible to vote in Elections and at Town Meetings in the year 2013 as of December 31, was 13,493. Following the Annual Town Census taken during the month of January, the Town's population was 17,760. Voter registrations were held as required by Massachusetts General Laws prior to Elections and Town Meetings. Signatures on nomination papers and petitions for the Annual Town Election, State Primaries & State Elections were certified.

Elections and Town Meetings were held during the year 2013:

Annual Town Election	May 13
Annual Town Meeting	May 20
Special State Primary	April 30
Special State Election	June 25
Special Town Meetings	May 20, October 28, 2013

All Election and Town Meeting results were duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Registrars
Sherri Vale-Turner
Kenneth Raymond
Joseph Costa
Dolores Berge, Clerk

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the year 2013, 27 applications for variances, special permits, planned developments or comprehensive permits were filed with the Town Clerk. The Board held public hearings, as required by law, to act upon these requests. After rendering their decisions, they were placed on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The first Zoning By-law was adopted at the Town Meeting held June 27, 1955. Since the first by-laws were adopted, the Town has continued to update the Zoning By-laws as necessary by Town Meeting votes as required. All favorably voted amendments to the Zoning By-laws are forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General for approval as required by law. The Zoning By-law is now available on our website www.townofsomerset.org under Departments (Zoning Board of Appeals). In addition, all applications, instructions and agendas for public hearings are posted on the website. However, hard copies of the Zoning by-law and the current Zoning Map are available for purchase in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Cadorette, Chairman
James Pimental, Clerk
Antone Lucianno,
Barbara Smith, Alternate
Sharron Schoonover Furtado, Alternate
Kathleen Maiato, Clerical

ASSESSORS REPORT

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	FY2012	FY2013
Number of Dwellings	6421	6425
Number of Parcels taxed	7280	7267
Population	17340	17760
Property transfers	455	

Exemptions and Abatements Granted

Disabled Veterans	166	178
Blind	21	21
Surviving Spouse, Elderly	82	87
Elderly	297	306
Other (ABATEMENTS)	28	117

Property exempt from taxation under provisions of Clause 11, Section 5, Chapter 59
General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Schools	\$114,868,000.00	\$110,536,500.00
Housing Authority Property	\$10,884,000.00	\$10,582,200.00
Church Properties / Including Cemeteries	\$12,775,200.00	\$11,906,700.00
Library	\$2,279,800.00	\$2,336,600.00
Police & Fire Station	\$2,481,000.00	\$2,481,000.00
Fire Station South	\$217,600.00	\$196,600.00
Fire Station North	\$130,900.00	\$141,000.00
Highway Department	\$3,743,000.00	\$3,574,100.00
Town Hall	\$1,177,400.00	\$1,177,400.00
Sewer Department Properties	\$20,249,900.00	\$20,249,900.00
Water Department Properties	\$7,452,400.00	\$7,452,400.00
Conservation	\$9,403,700.00	\$17,396,600.00
Comm of MA	\$5,160,000.00	\$5,160,000.00
Comm. Of Ma Div. Of Fish & Wildlife	\$8,900.00	\$8,900.00
Historical Society Properties	\$1,534,200.00	\$1,534,200.00
Civil Defense	\$283,000.00	\$285,700.00
American Legion	\$242,100.00	\$251,600.00
Amvets	\$515,000.00	\$503,600.00
Other Town owned Land & Bldgs	\$18,525,400.00	\$18,525,400.00
Stevens Home for Boys	\$759,600.00	\$765,800.00
Bristol County	\$391,600.00	\$344,400.00

ASSESSORS REPORT

	FY 2012	FY2013
Amount to be Raised	62,120,410.16	62,664,557.13
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	21,317,179.00	20,178,440.61
Amount to be Raised By Taxation	40,803,231.16	42,486,116.52

VALUATIONS	FY2012	FY2013
Real Property	1,910,980,700	1,865,835,600
Personal Property	637,141,170	430,619,310
Total	2,548,121,870	2,296,454,910

TAX LEVY	FY2012	FY2013
Real Property	25,499,100.26	29,580,455.80
Personal Property	15,304,130.90	12,905,660.72
Total	40,803,231.16	42,486,116.52

TAX RATES	FY2012	FY2013
Residential	12.69	15.04
Commercial	24.20	30.11
Industrial	24.20	30.11
Personal Property	24.02	29.97

Residential exemption of \$24,152 was granted to all owner occupied properties in the residential Class for Fiscal 2013 tax period.

ASSESSORS REPORT

In May of 2013 Assessor Donald P. Setters Jr stepped down from the Board of Assessors after 14 years of honorable service, and was elected to serve on the Board of Selectmen. We welcomed our newest member to the Board of Assessors Stephanie Schecter.

Also in May of 2013, the town voted to accept chapter 73, Section 4, acts of 1986, as amended by chapter 126 of the acts of 1988, to allow an additional exemption which shall be uniform for all exemptions which none shall exceed 75% of said exemptions. This is 25% more than in the prior years; instead of an elderly exemption of between 1,000 and 1,500, we will now be allowed to exempt the amount up to 1,750.

The Assessors' office continues to oversee the measure and listing of all Residential, Commercial, and Exempt properties within the town. As of June 2013 we have completed 50% of the Residential, 85% of Commercial, and 70% of Exempt properties.

It is our pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Correia, Chairman

Stephanie Schecter, Clerk to the Board

Marc W. Dionne, Third Member

Pamela M. Lee, MAA, Principal Assessor

Nancy B. Fournier, Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED:

2013 Real Estate	\$ 29,554,792.70
2013 Personal Property	\$ 13,070,235.94
2013 Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,912,378.37
2013 Boat Excise	\$ 12,741.00

TOTAL TAX COLLECTED**\$ 44,550,148.01**

MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTED:

Interest and Penalties	\$ 121,032.41
Registry of Motor Vehicles	\$ 14,920.00
Municipal Lien Certificates	\$ 16,250.00
Returned Check Fees	\$ 550.00
Interest/Checking Account	\$ 994.92
Total Miscellaneous Collected	\$ 153,747.33

TOTAL AMOUNTS COLLECTED**\$ 44,703,895.34**

UNCOLLECTED TAXES:

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 761,139.18
Personal Property Taxes	\$ 99,953.36
Excise Taxes	\$ 84,341.87

TOTAL UNCOLLECTED AMOUNTS**\$ 945,434.41**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Viana

Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER

Christine Marum is the new Assistant Treasurer/Benefits Administrator for all retirees and benefit-eligible active employees. She is the primary person responsible for any health insurance benefit issues. Life insurance and workers' compensation claims are processed by Ms. Marum as well. Christine also assists with the posting and processing of receipts from town's departments. Ms. Marum and I work very well together serving the public in our town, as a team.

Our department processes the weekly payroll for town employees and works closely with the staff at the Central Office of the K-8 School Department to resolve any payroll or deduction issues as they occur. In November of 2013, the Treasurer's office experienced a change in payroll clerks. We had to say good-bye to Zeina Madeiros as she attained an administrative position at the highway department. At this time we had the pleasure of meeting and working with Ross Latham. Although he only worked with us for a short time, Ross was able to strengthen the current payroll processing procedure and cascade his knowledge and experience to other staff members. His contributions are greatly appreciated.

The Treasurer's Department continues to work closely with property owners who are in tax title. We encourage tax payers to address any delinquent tax issues with the Collector's office and the Treasurer's office. Cooperation is necessary to abide by the Massachusetts General Laws and do what is best for the town and its homeowners. The Collector and Treasurer's offices are always willing to make a plan to help taxpayers meet their obligation to the town. We will continue to pursue tax title liens and other receivables that remain uncollected, while respecting each homeowner's individual situation. Future tax title auctions will take place in order to keep the level of outstanding receivables at a minimum. We will continue to manage all invested funds in accordance with the current Investment Policy, while protecting our funds and seeking the greatest return possible.

While continuing to reduce our departmental budget, we are streamlining our spending in every area possible. We have attended efficiency seminars in an effort to increase our productivity and improve our overall job performance. We will continue to work to the best of our ability with the tools we have been given.

As elected Treasurer, I am honored to serve the community that has chosen me to represent and serve them. I continue to work diligently and confidently to provide the citizens of Somerset with dedication, honesty, and integrity. With hard work and determination, along with cooperation and understanding, our town can and will be the town we all remember.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Trafka
Town of Somerset, Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th, 2013
Fund Balances

	BALANCE 6/30/2013
STABILIZATION	\$ 7,266,478.29
CEMETERY TRUST FUND	\$ 344,441.73
RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 838,365.80
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND	\$ 13,295.55
KEVIN R. TEVES LIBRARY TRUST	\$ 17,650.55
LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT	\$ 31,521.67
TOTALS	\$ 8,511,753.59

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph R. Bolton
Finance Director/Town Accountant

ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Advisory & Finance Committee is a group of nine community members appointed by the Town Moderator. Each member is appointed for a three year term. In accordance with Chapter 39, Section 16 of the Massachusetts General Laws, it is the purpose of this committee to make reports or recommendations to the town that impact on the town's revenues. The members represent a cross-section of our diverse community with unique educational backgrounds and personal perspectives.

Our meetings are open to the public and are posted at the Town Hall, as well as advertised in our local paper. We welcome citizen input to assist us in evaluating the needs of our community.

The Advisory & Finance Committee meets on an average of once weekly during budget season, with additional meetings as necessary, in anticipation of any Special Town Meeting, and to address any reserve fund transfers at any time during the year. Each budget is reviewed carefully to insure fiscal responsibility. Each member of this committee takes their responsibility seriously, and carefully considers spending requests and their economic impact on the taxpayer.

Somerset has been faced with many difficult financial decisions in the past several years, and will face certain tax increases, coupled with spending restrictions in the coming year. The Town continues to attempt to maintain level services in the face of decreasing revenue.

Somerset has always taken pride in its buildings and infrastructure, as well as the high level of services enjoyed by the residents. As our buildings and infrastructure age, the continued upgrade and/or replacement of these assets becomes costly. The continued maintenance and upgrade of Somerset's assets and infrastructure is necessary, however, to continue the high level of Town services available to the residents of Somerset.

The Advisory & Finance Committee is pleased to report that the annual budget has met our standards of being fiscally responsible and believes that great efforts were made in maintaining a prudent and cautious approach in disbursement of revenues.

We are proud to serve our community, and will continue to work diligently on behalf of the Town of Somerset.

Christopher Godet, Chair

Nick Raffa, Vice Chair

Virginia Wade, Secretary

Laurent R. Guay

Atty. Steven Sabra

Doris Rousseau

Darryl Forbes

Bruce Coray

Joseph Quin

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

This year marks the 54th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The project was established in 1959 in response to numerous cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, our project has greatly reduced exposure to this arbovirus and to the newly introduced West Nile Virus.

Much has changed in recent years. New technologies and products are now available to help monitor and suppress the presence of mosquito borne diseases. Our project has embraced new innovations to help us serve the public with greater efficiency. For example, GPS guidance systems have been installed in our spray trucks. These devices enable our workers to effectively schedule and conduct early morning applications, document application routes, and tell us where “no spray zones” exist in any particular neighborhood. We have also adopted more environmentally responsible products for our larvicide and adulticide applications. We did this in order to be a better steward of the environment and reduce any unwanted effect on non-target organisms. We still continue our practice of surveillance through trapping and sending specimens to the Massachusetts Department of Health for testing.

During the 2013-mosquito season, over 28,610 mosquitoes were tested. There were 29 isolations of EEE with 6 collections from human biting mosquitoes and no human cases for the County. We had 79 mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported humans. There were no equine cases for EEE and 1 for WNV.

Our project continues its efforts year round. In the Fall and Winter seasons, our goal is to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. We clean and maintain drainage ditches, culverts, and streams. Where feasible, we conduct open marsh management projects in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

During the time period January 1, 2013– December 31, 2013 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 6,334.6 acres
- Treated 6 acres in 15 locations with B.t.i. for mosquito larvae
- Received 130 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 1,614 feet of brush
- Treated 835 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways people can protect themselves and help prevent breeding

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January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs including; speaking at public health events, visiting local schools and senior centers, and creating informational posters for distribution. Our Project also has a website www.bristolcountymosquitocontrol.com to better communicate with and relate important information to our cities and towns.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Somerset for their continued support and cooperation. Our project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the projects efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer E. Dacey
Superintendent

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman

Gregory D. Dorrance

Joseph Barile

Christine A. Fagan

Robert F. Davis

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jan-Dec 2013

Number of items in the collection:	95,647
Number of items added:	5,118
Number of items withdrawn:	3,861
Number of Periodical titles in the collection:	221
New Patrons added:	581
Number of registered patrons:	11,413
Number of books and non-books circulated:	114,435
Interlibrary and Network loans from other libraries:	15,711
Interlibrary and Network loans to other libraries:	21,891
Website visits:	187,504
Tumblebook downloads:	2,929
OverDrive downloads:	3,543
Museum Passes borrowed:	1,909
Ancestry searches:	69,282
Gale databases searches:	1,548
BYKI Language database sessions:	159
Universal Class sessions:	407
Zineo digital magazine use:	178
Indie Flix movie downloads:	16, 474
Freegal Music downloads:	639
Signing Savvy uses:	50
Law Depot users:	691
Meeting Room Use – Number of meetings	861
Meeting Room Use - Attendance	19,261
Total attendance (est.)	202,640

The Somerset Public Library's mission:

“...to exist to serve as a center of informational learning, individual growth and recreation for the citizens of Somerset. The Library expects to make a contribution to the learning process and to aid individuals in the lifelong process of growth and appreciation and understanding of themselves, their neighbors, and the world around them. In addition, the library makes its building available as a setting for appropriate events according to the needs and interests of the community.”

As Library Director, I want to thank each and everyone one for your support of the library throughout the year. The library has faced funding issues for over five years; but I can proudly say that the Library staff strives to improve access to library services and

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resources each and every day. Accomplishing this has become more and more difficult but the library staff continues to fulfill the library's mission. We satisfy the requirements for certification by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which allows us to guarantee that you are able to borrow materials from any other certified library in Massachusetts, either in person, or through interlibrary loan. This makes over one million items available to you. Our certification also allows us to take advantage of federal, state, and private grant opportunities which would not be available as a non-certified public library. It also allows you, our patrons, access to research databases provided at the state level and much, much more.

With this accomplished we provided our users a variety of programs throughout the year; over 200,000 people entered our doors in 2013.

Your visits to our library building are important to us, but we also want to remind you that the Somerset Public Library is available to the public twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week via the Internet, including, but not limited to e-books, movie downloads, educational programs and much more. . We encourage you to visit, either online or in person and see what a 21st century library has to offer you.

The success of our past year is due to the dedication of a wonderful library staff (I don't thank them enough) and the support of the Friends of the Library. My job is made easier by the support and guidance of the hard-working Board of Library Trustees and by the expertise of the SAILS Library network staff. I must also recognize the support of so many of our patrons – the heart of the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie D. Mendes – Library Director

SOMERSET PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The continued success of the Somerset Public Library is due to the dedicated staff headed by Bonnie Mendes. Mrs. Mendes continues to be diligent in her duties of maintaining the certification required by the state and providing library services to our community. She has the full support of her able staff and Trustees. We thank them all for a job well done.

Thanks to the staff and the Friends of the Library, activities for all ages take part throughout the year; including, but not limited to, story times, book clubs, movies and special events for the community.

We continue to maintain a building that meets the needs of the community offering meeting space and the technology needed in today's world.

The Library was obligated to apply for a waiver from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners due to the fact that our municipal appropriation requirement did not meet the percentage needed for certification. The waiver was approved in February. The library is still in full compliance in all other areas including our materials expenditures, hours open requirement and educational level required of the librarians, along with other prerequisites needed for certification.

Our thanks go out to Mr. Michael Rezendes for his service as a Library Trustee from 1998 to this year and we welcome Ms. Amanda Viana as a new Trustee.

Library service is changing and the library now serves our community 24 hours a day, seven days a week thanks to today's technologies. We urge all of you to take advantage of all the services available.

We will strive to meet the needs of the community, to be true to our mission and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Langfield, Chair
David M. Cucinotta, Vice-Chair
Eleanor Buckley, Secretary
Gayle Bradbury
Melissa Terra
Amanda Viana

PLANNING BOARD

Greetings and thank you for your interest in the activities of the Somerset Planning Board. The Planning Board is a five member elected board who serve five year staggered terms. The Board generally meets at 6:00 P.M. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the first floor hearing room at the town office. All meetings are open to the public and usually may be seen on channel 15 on Mondays at 7:00 P.M. and Tuesdays at 1:00 P.M.

This report summarizes the work of the Planning Board during 2013. Compared to 2012, the activity level was fairly constant, though the number of Planned Developments reviewed experienced a notable decrease. While Special Permits and Subdivision applications were as usual at the forefront of the department reviews in 2013, the number of such applications still remains relatively low. In addition to the usual review and approval of plans, the Board extended a great deal of effort on working with developers on completion of subdivisions.

The Planning Board met sixteen (16) times during 2013, entertaining five Special Permits; one for an addition in the Water Resource Protection District, three for new dwellings in the Water Resources Protection District and one for Mix-Use in the Mix-Use Overlay District. The Planning Board sponsored two zoning amendments that were adopted at the May 2013, Town Meeting (1) amendment adding a new By-law section 9.5 to provide for a Slade's Ferry Crossing Overlay District. (2) amendment to the map entitled "Official Zoning Map, Town of Somerset" to depict the Slade's Ferry Crossing Overlay District. A total of five (5) ANR (Subdivision Approval Not Required) were endorsed in 2013, creating three new residential lots; two (2) of the ANR Plans reconfigured lot lines. The Planning Board received and approved two (2) new subdivision plans during this period; one creating one (1) lot on a private way off of Vine Street and the other creating two (2) lots on a private way off of Buffinton Street. The Board issued one (1) positive recommendation on a Planned Development at 285 GAR Highway. In addition, the Planning Board held a public meeting on the conceptual plan regarding Slade's Ferry Avenue. The most notable accomplishment in 2013, was the adopting of the Slade's Ferry Crossing Overlay District.

During this year, Gary Simons who has served on the Board for the past thirteen years served as chair and long time member Timothy Turner was appointed Vice-Chair, with Robert Rebello appointed Clerk. In addition to their Planning Board duties, Gary Simons was designated as the Board's representative to the Coastal Zone Management Committee and Conservation Agent Timothy Turner served as the Planning Board's representative to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and also served on the Somerset Station Re-Use Committee. Robert Rebello was designated as the Planning Board's representative to the Land Acquisition Committee. John Toulan

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was designated as the Planning Board's representative on the Community Preservation Committee.

Finally, we would like to recognize the service of John Clorite for his dedication to taping each meeting, and to Somerset Assess TV for providing televised access to Somerset residents. The Board also wishes to express sincere thanks for the support and cooperation that it has received from various Boards and Departments. And of course, many thanks to our secretary, Paula Ramos, for her support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary. D. Simons, Chairman

Timothy Turner, Vice-Chairman

Robert Rebello, Clerk

John Toulan

William Raposa

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Somerset Historical Commission was established by a vote of Somerset Town Meeting on March 9, 1964. Members are appointed to three year terms by the Board of Selectmen.

The Somerset Historical Commission was established to preserve, protect and develop the historic assets of the Town of Somerset. For the past several years, the Commission's primary focus has been the preservation and restoration of the 310 year old Friends Meeting House on Prospect Street. The Commission is very pleased that the application submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission was evaluated and voted on in December of 2013 and the Meeting House was nominated to be on the National Register of Historic Places. This place of worship is the oldest building in Somerset. It is also the oldest Quaker Meeting House in Massachusetts and possibly in New England.

The Commission gained access to the Meeting House in October and a working group of commissioners was formed to clean the interior, inventory the contents and conduct an evaluation for repairs. Led by Richard Shane, the working group includes: Karen Doyle, Kara Johnston, Anthony Kucikas, Mary Ann McDonald and James O'Rourke. The Old Town Hall, built in 1871 on its current County Street site, is another of Somerset's assets. The Historical Commission unanimously chose Karen Doyle as project manager to develop a plan for restoring the Old Town Hall.

The Hathaway Memorial Charitable Trust awarded the Commission a grant to assist in the project. The Somerset Lions' Club made a donation to assist the Commission in its efforts to document historic properties.

The Somerset Historical Commission is committed to creating a public awareness of the town's history. In September, members of the Commission staffed a booth at The Spirit of Somerset celebration. Karen Doyle, Tony Kucikas and Mary Ann McDonald offered information and answered questions about the Commission's activities. The Commission voted to participate next year.

The Historical Commission and the office of the building inspector are responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings Bylaw, adapted by the Annual Town Meeting in 2004.

The Commission voted not to invoke the demolition delay provision of the bylaw in regard to an application for demolition of a property, a barn, located at 64 Buffinton Street. The structure was found to be not significant under the bylaw.

The Commission's goal of community outreach was advanced in 2013. By a unanimous

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vote, James O'Rourke was selected to represent the Historical Commission at meetings of the Community Preservation Act committee. Richard Shane represented the Commission at the Massachusetts Historical Commission's meeting to nominate Friends Meeting House for the National Register. Mary Ann McDonald has represented the Commission on three different committees, preparing for the new Somerset Berkley Regional High School's opening in 2014.

Members of the Somerset Historical Commission believe that its efforts to maintain the town's centuries old heritage will benefit current residents and future generations of residents as well.

The Commission meets at 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the History Room of the Somerset Public Library. The public is always welcome to attend and to assist us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Weinberg, chairwoman
Mary Ann McDonald, clerk
Anthony Kucikas, treasurer
Karen Doyle
James O'Rourke
Kara Johnston
Richard Shane

SOMERSET HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Somerset Housing Authority is responsible for providing and administering Chapter 667 Public Housing for Senior Citizens, age 60 years of age or older, and handicapped persons on disability.

The Housing Authority maintains two complexes located on Read St., John F. Kennedy Terrace and Eugene Murphy Village. John F. Kennedy Terrace and Eugene Murphy Village are both independent living facilities.

John F. Kennedy Terrace is a two story complex with eight (8) buildings housing sixty (60) one-bedroom units. The site includes a community room with kitchen and laundry facilities and is home to the Administrative Offices. The initial occupancy date was December 1, 1965.

Eugene Murphy Village consists of fifteen (15) buildings housing seventy-five (75) one-bedroom units. There are nine (9) wheelchair accessible units. This site also includes a community room with kitchen and laundry facilities. The Maintenance garage is also located at Eugene Murphy Village. The initial occupancy date was June of 1974.

The Authority maintains a waiting list and strives for 100% occupancy.

On October 7, 2013, the Somerset Housing Authority hosted the Legislative Housing Committee. This was an honor for Somerset as the legislature was able to view the operation of a small authority first hand. The outcome of the legislative visit has been very positive for Somerset.

This past year we received funding to make modifications to an accessible unit allowing for more space for a wheelchair and a change in the location of cabinets and appliances for ease of access and use. The Architectural Design was 75% complete in December of 2013.

The Somerset Housing Authority is also at the end of the design phase for the paving of the John F. Kennedy Complex. This has been a goal of the Board and the Administration for the past six (6) years. The Authority hopes to go out to bid by the end of January 2014 with completion in early spring.

The Housing Authority continues to volunteer to pick up and distribute the “Brown Bag” program for Somerset area residents. This is done in cooperation with the Somerset Council on Aging and The Boston Food Bank.

The Board of Commissioners of the Somerset Housing Authority serves without pay and benefits. The Commission is comprised of four (4) town elected members and one (1) Somerset resident appointed by the Governor. The Commission is dedicated to the

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population it serves, not only tenants but also residents of Somerset. The Commission meets monthly to review finances and set policy.

This Authority, as all Housing Authorities in Massachusetts, continues to be presented with an enormous challenge this coming year. The Governor's proposal to eliminate Housing Authority local control and create six (6) Regional Housing Authorities throughout the state, eliminating all local authorities is still alive. There is another bill that would keep local control while proposing operational changes that would benefit both the public and the Authorities. The Somerset Housing Authority has been vocal in its opposition to the Governor's bill and supportive of House Bill 1094. The Housing Authority is grateful to Representative Haddad for signing onto Bill 1094 and making it possible for Southeastern Massachusetts to be a valuable part of the discussion in Taunton on October 7, 2013.

Public Housing is becoming more and more of a necessity as our seniors face fixed incomes and a higher cost of living. Many lifelong Somerset residents are finding it difficult to maintain their homes, whether due to financial reasons, health, or other issues. These residents want to continue to reside in Somerset as they consider this their home. This is where their family and friends live. Somerset is the community that their lives revolve around. Although there has been no new housing, the Board and Administration continue to pursue avenues that will benefit the residents of Somerset.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas E. Potter, Chairman
Atty. Matthew Aspden, Vice-Chairman
Barry Sullivan, Treasurer
Antone Soares, Jr. Assistant Treasurer
Christopher Migneault, Commissioner
Lucia M. Casey, Executive Director
Kristie Steever, Administrative Assistant

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Somerset Recreation Department underwent a period of transition during the past year as the Playground and Recreation Commissioners saw the departure of Director Becky Leverett late in the spring. The commissioners spent the better part of the spring and early summer interviewing several candidates for the vacant position. In mid July, the Commissioners named Barry Fontaine as its new director, also filling another staffing vacancy by selecting Brittany Viveiros as the department part-time secretary. Under their direction and support, programs and activities have seen a dramatic increase in attendance, along with an increase of new sponsors and instructors wanting to be a part of Somerset Recreation.

It was the start of another fantastic year. We solicited many local businesses and instructors to engage residents in a wide assortment of programs to choose from including yoga, karate, zumba, gymnastics, hip hop, tennis, field hockey, basketball, tai chi, and the All Day Summer program. All programs have been proven to be both entertaining and successful. Throughout the year, the Department also offered safety classes for the public including babysitting, home alone safety, and women's self-defense. We had over 800 participants in these programs throughout the year, along with significant growth and expansion in both the All Day Summer Program and the After School Program held at Chace St. School. With our growing list of programs and the support of the community, we know that number will continue to grow.

Special Events held during the past year included:

- Shamrock Shuffle in March with 95 runners and walkers
- Summer Concert series at Pierce Beach proved to be popular once again
- July 4th Greg Billington River Run Race with 110 participants
- Two trips to New York City
- Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny
- Gingerbread Workshop
- Summer Basketball, Tennis, and Field Hockey Camps

Finally, participating in the Spirit of Somerset, Public Safety Day, and the Musictown Parade with our Recreation Express Train helped provide joy to all who attended.

The Somerset Recreation Department would like to thank the Principals and their staff for helping us make our After School Program, as well as all of our others programs, such a success. We would also like to thank the Highway Department for their diligent work on our fields, the Superintendent, and of course the Town Officials and Selectmen for all of their support and cooperation throughout the year. We look forward to new exciting programs to continue in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Silvia- Chairman
Maryellen Aspden- Clerk
James Pereira – Commissioner
Ray Frizado - Commissioner
Joseph Duarte- Commissioner
Barry Fontaine – Recreation Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Somerset Fire Department has had yet another busy and productive year. The amount of overall incidents remained fairly level with the previous year. As usual, medical emergencies continue to consist of nearly 80% of our runs. Ambulance calls continue to increase every year in part due to the aging population and a large percentage of senior citizens residing in Somerset. The Department continues to serve our community in any way possible in order to meet our mission which is to protect the residents and visitors of this community, along with their property, and to improve the quality of life to the best of our ability.

The Department continued all of its programs even though the poor economy continues to challenge us. We continue to be a key partner in TRIAD- this is a group comprised of the Fire Department, Police Department, Council on Aging and the Bristol County Sheriffs Office. TRIAD is dedicated to improving the quality of life for our seniors and offer them various types of assistance. Through TRIAD we have installed, to date, over 700 smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, free of charge, to seniors in need. We also were able to continue our SAFE program- this is Student Awareness of Fire Education- which allows us to teach fire safety to all first and sixth grade Somerset students. In addition, we also received a grant for Senior SAFE which will allow us to offer fire safety education to our senior citizens. Continuing to offer these programs is a high priority within the Department.

Somerset Firefighters remained active throughout the community. We participated in the Spirit of Somerset, Public Safety Day and several school fairs. We continue to visit daycare centers when requested in order to begin teaching fire safety and familiarize younger children with firefighters and their equipment.

There was one retirement in 2013- Deputy Chief David Messier retired after more than 30 years of service to the Town. Lt. Paul A. Paquette was promoted to Deputy Chief to replace him.

Somerset residents can be rest assured that they have a Fire Department that they can be proud of, providing a wide range of services to our residents and visitors by highly trained, well equipped personnel. I encourage you to look at the Fire Department page on the Town's website in order to become more familiar with your fire department and obtain important information.

I would like to thank the residents of Somerset, the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Dennis F. Luttrell for their continued support of the Fire Department.

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EMERGENCY RUN BREAKDOWN:

Rescue Responses:	2210
Engine, Ladder and Other Responses:	1014
TOTAL:	3224

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott H. Jepson
Fire Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CALLS FOR SERVICE	24,808
ACCIDENTS	510
OFFENSES/INCIDENTS	2542
TOTAL ARRESTS/SUMMONS	685
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	10
MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	3075
Monies collected:	\$65,290
PARKING CITATIONS	317
Monies collected:	\$10,050
MONIES PAID TO TOWN	
FOR DETAIL CRUISER FEES	\$10,786.50
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES PAID TO TOWN	
BY COMPANIES HIRING DETAILS	\$20,797.50

2013 brought many challenges to the police department. Primary among them was the sudden death of Patrol Officer B.J. Voss at the age of 36. Officer Voss was an extremely hard-working, dedicated, compassionate officer and friend to our police family and the community. He is sadly missed by his wife, his two children and the entire Town.

We were unfortunate to have had two separate fatal hit and run accidents during 2013. After much work, we identified the driver of the first accident. He has been convicted and is serving a prison sentence. The second driver has been identified and arrested. Charges are pending.

The police department has been severely affected by the economic woes in Town. Although the Town meeting appropriated a full budget for the police department, we were short staffed several positions throughout the year. Supervisors and officers have stepped up to the plate to ensure a continuity of public safety.

We continue to make strides in Public Safety Dispatching. Dispatchers answer all calls for police, fire, and ambulance. 2013 was the first full year of implementing Emergency Medical Dispatching wherein dispatchers provide vital medical advice during medical emergencies. In 2013 dispatchers provided pertinent medical advice during 1220 medical emergencies.

~~We~~ We worked hard throughout the year maintaining our accredited status. Accreditation

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is a significant accomplishment to ensure that the department is meeting and retaining the highest professional standards in policing. Accreditation is assessed every three years. We adhere to over 250 standards that are the cutting edge of police work. All department members are responsible to adhere to these strict standards. To date, only approximately 10% of communities in Massachusetts have accomplished this huge task. We will be reassessed for our third, three year accreditation, in 2014.

In keeping with our concept of community policing we again engaged in endeavors that have been hugely successful. None of these programs would be successful without the dedication and desire of all officers who make them work. Initiatives in 2013 included:

*As part of our TRIAD program (consisting of the Somerset Police Department, the Somerset Fire Department, the Bristol County Sheriff's Office and the Somerset Council On Aging), we:

- Continued to outfit with a GPS Bracelet to those with Alzheimer's, autism and other illness which may cause one to become lost.
- With the assistance of Diman Vocational Regional High School, we continued to distribute large reflective house numbers on poles at no cost to the elderly.
- Conducted monthly meetings and held informational seminars and a luncheons.

*With the assistance of Somerset Access TV and former selectmen Steve Moniz, we filmed many hours of video to allow viewers to see what we do as a department.

*We hosted our 9th Annual Public Safety Day which was once again filled with fun and sun. We offered many demonstrations, free food and drink, and many exhibits. We thank the large number of participants from the public and private sector who make this day a tremendous amount of fun for all ages. We also thank Somerset Access TV for filming the event and broadcasting it.

*We continued our very successful PAL (Police Athletic League). Under the leadership of Sgt. Reis, he and Officer Wilkinson ran 3 hour sessions each Saturday during winter months. The program has been a tremendous success wherein more than 40 students grades 4-8 have been actively involved interacting with police. We were fortunate to also get free trips for them to the Pawtucket Red Sox, Boston Red Sox, Revolution Soccer and other events. The participants did fundraising to pay for busing and other expenses.

*We continued our DARE program for the entire 6th grade. Officer Brian Dempsey has done a tremendous job in not only educating them on making good life decisions regarding drugs and alcohol; but also reassuring them that police are approachable and are here to serve.

*We continued to deploy our Honor Guard in parades, funerals, and other events. Eight

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committed members of the department exhibit great pride of the Somerset Police Department.

I have had the great honor and privilege of serving as our Police Chief for the past 9 years and I will be retiring in June, 2014. I consider myself to be extremely fortunate to work for the Town for 30 years and work side by side with so many hard-working professionals throughout our organization.

On behalf of all of the public servants at the Somerset Police Department, we extend our thanks and gratitude to the Board of Selectman, the Town Administrator, and each resident for the continued support to allow us to provides the highest level of service. I personally look forward to serving the Town in any way I can to keep Somerset a great place to live.

Please take time to visit our website at Somersetpd.org!

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph C. Ferreira
Chief of Police

Crime Statistic Totals: 2013

		Stolen Property Offenses	30
		Destruction/Vandalism	130
Forcible Rape	2	Drug Violations	28
Forcible Sodomy	1	Incest	1
Forcible Fondling	1	Statutory Rape	6
Robbery	2	Weapon Law Violations	31
Aggravated Assault	23	Bad Checks	18
Simple Assault	143	Disorderly Conduct	20
Intimidation	76	OUI	30
Extortion/Blackmail	1	Drunkenness	10
Burglary/B&E	52	Family Offenses/nonviolent	147
Purse Snatching	2	Liquor Law Violations	18
Shoplifting	28	Runaway	5
Theft from Building	135	Trespass of Real Property	60
Theft from MV	66	All Other Offenses	322
All other Larceny	166	Traffic / By-Law Offenses	746
MV Theft	13		
Counterfeiting	109		
False Pretense/swindle	91		
Credit Card/ATM	10		
Impersonation	15		
Embezzlement	4		

IMC TOTALS: 2542 Offenses
IMC TOTALS: Traffic Citations: \$65,290
Parking Fines: \$10,050

BOARD OF HEALTH

In 2013 following permits were issued:

RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT	49
MILK & CREAM	28
FOOD ESTABLISHMENT	82
FROZEN DESSERTS	24
MOBILE FOOD	10
TEMPORARY FOOD PERMITS	15
SEPTAGE HAULERS	6
TRASH HAULERS	9
MOTEL	2
SWIMMING POOLS	3
TOBACCO	25
CAMP	1
CATERING	4
BEACH	1
TANNING SALON	4

TOWN NURSE OFFICE

The Somerset Town Nurse's office is located at 115 Wood Street in the former Pottersville School, along with the Council on Aging. Walk-in hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Additionally, early-morning hours are available from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. as needed for services. Public health business is conducted primarily after office hours, as well as home visits.

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health continues to provide most routinely recommended childhood vaccinations free to children and adolescents through 18 years of age, with some exceptions. The MDPH no longer provides vaccinations to adults who have health insurance, with the exception of tetanus. In 2013, this office administered 71 state-supplied immunizations. We also gave 417 Vitamin B12 injections to office, homebound and assisted-living patients. Also in 2013, this office obtained approximately 1,500 flu vaccines. We began giving flu shots on September 9 and currently have a small amount of serum left. In addition to the traditional flu serum, we stocked high dose for the elderly, flu mist for children and preservative-free serum for those with allergies. In total, 14 off-site flu clinics were held by this office which included all Somerset Public Schools, Somerset Fire and Police Departments, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, Public Safety Day, North Farms, Eugene Murphy Village, JFK Terrace, Clifton Assisted Living and a night clinic at the Pottersville School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our former town nurses, MRC volunteers and UMASS Dartmouth Nursing Students for their help during this very busy flu season.

Of note, this office does not charge any out-of-pocket fees to Somerset residents for any vaccination services.

Tuberculosis (TB) testing is another nursing service provided by this office. This year we performed 51 TB tests. We do charge \$10.00 per test as this serum is not supplied by the state.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The Town Nurse's office works closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to track all cases of reportable and communicable diseases. All cases of reportable and communicable diseases found in Somerset are sent to this office for investigation and follow-up. This year the state implemented an on-line system, MAVEN, for this purpose. This computer system allows direct access to reportable and communicable disease events occurring in Somerset via the MDPH database. In 2013, we tracked 25 disease cases.

TOWN NURSE OFFICE

BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS

Blood pressures readings are performed daily during office hours. No appointment is necessary. This service has assisted hundreds of the town's residents with regular monitoring of their pressures. With early intervention, we have been able to assist our clients with getting the help they need to maintain healthy blood pressures. We also keep ongoing client records and provide wallet cards to them to present to their physicians for tracking purposes. This year we read 658 blood pressures.

HOME VISITS

Due to safety and liability issues, as well as decreased staff in this office, we have had to limit the number of clients who receive house calls. Home services consist of Vitamin B12 and flu injections and is restricted to established patients only. In 2013, 147 home visits were conducted.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

This office has an extensive supply of medical equipment available for loan to Somerset residents. We stock walkers, commodes, canes, crutches, wheelchairs and a variety of other medical devices. Donations are always appreciated if the equipment is in good condition.

GREATER FALL RIVER MEDICAL RESERVE CORP.

We encourage all residents over 18 years old to volunteer for Somerset's reserve corp. This volunteer organization has helped with community events, as well as medical events. You do not need to have a medical background to join. Clerical support, security personnel, child care workers and pet handlers are just a few other areas in which volunteer support is needed. It is a good way to help out in the community and become acquainted with other Somerset residents. If interested, please call 508-646-2807.

At this time, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Dennis F. Luttrell and the residents of Somerset for supporting the Town Nurse's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Andrade, R.N., B.S.N.
Somerset Town Nurse

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The following is my report for the Department of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 2013.

Scales over 10,000lbs.	3
5,000 to 10,000lbs.	0
1,000lbs. To 5,000lbs.	0
100 to 1,000lbs.	07
10 to 100lbs.	69
0 to 10lbs.	00
Gas and Diesel	
Pumps sealed.	173
Apothecary Scales.	4
Jeweler Scales.	0
NOT SEALED	24
Total fee's to the Town	\$4,589.00

Dennis H. Thibault
Sealer of Weights and Measures

PLUMBING REPORT

PLUMBING FIXTURES	QUANTITY
WATER PIPING	67
BACKFLOW PREV.	7
WATER CLOSETS	60
CROSS CONNECT	32
HOT WATER HEATER	149
KITCHEN SINKS	56
LAVATORIES	97
BATHTUBS	43
SHOWER STALLS	22
DISHWASHER	31
WASHING MACHINE CONN.	25
FLOOR DRAINS	1
SLOP SINKS	6
DISPOSERS	7
GREASE TRAP	1
TANKLESS	1
TOILETS	30
DRINKING FOUNTAIN	3
SEWER CONNECT	6
TEMP MOBILE HOME	4
COMBO BOILER	2
ICE MAKER	3
OTHER	14
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TOTAL FIXTURES	667
TOTAL PERMITS	272
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$17,340
	47

GAS DEPARTMENT

KITCHEN STOVE	33
OVENS	9
HEATING BOILERS	79
FURNACES	26
WATER HEATERS	44
DRYERS	10
GAS GENERATORS	17
ROOF TOP UNITS	5
FIREPLACES	6
POOL HEATERS	4
CONVERSION BURNERS	10
METER CUTBACK	51
METER RELOCATE	10
FRYOLATORS	5
TESTS	20
OTHER	24
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TOTAL FIXTURES	353
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TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	261
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TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$16,601
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WIRING INSPECTOR

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS FOR THE FOLLOWING INSTALLATIONS:	242
NEW HOMES	4
ADDITIONS	11
GARAGES (RESIDENTIAL)	60
SERVICE UPGRADE OR REPAIRS	6
TEMPORARY SERVICES	6
SWIMMING POOLS	8
ALARM SYSTEMS	17
SIGNS	11
ANNUAL PERMITS	1
BOILERS & AIR CONDITIONING UNITS	28
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL	19
MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS OR REWIRING	55
SOLAR PANELS	12
MODULAR HOMES	2
PHONE & DATA	2

Respectfully Submitted,
David J. Tavares
Wiring Inspector

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

PERMIT ISSUED	# OF PERMITS	FEE COLLECTED	PERMIT VALUE
ABOVE GROUND POOLS	16	\$960	\$55,189
ANTENNAE	3	\$750	\$52,333
AWNING / CANOPY	3	\$346	\$14,300
CHIMNEY LINERS	2	\$90	\$3,850
COMM. EXTERIOR RENO.	11	\$3,714	\$138,000
COMM. INTERIOR RENO.	5	\$3,590	\$149,700
COMMERCIAL ADDITIONS	1	\$860	\$120,000
DECKS	24	\$1,705	\$130,957
DEMOLISH STRUCTURE	5	\$295	\$14,250
EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS	7	\$1,144	\$140,000
FENCES	34	\$1,020	\$104,047
FIRE ALARMS	3	\$425	\$9,000
FOUNDATIONS	2	\$260	\$61,000
GARAGES / CARPORTS	6	\$1,699	\$302,664
RAMPS	3	\$230	\$12,750
HVAC	18	\$1,545	\$137,635
IN GROUND POOLS	3	\$375	\$58,500
INSULATE / WEATHERIZE	41	\$1,853	\$160,102
INTERIOR RENOVATIONS	33	\$5,779	\$734,430
MODULAR HOMES	3	\$3,025	\$371,000
NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS	9	\$10,025	\$2,271,950
NEW TENANT	19	\$3,650	\$19,533
PELLET STOVES	6	\$315	\$23,322
PORCHES	1	\$50	\$5,500
RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	9	\$3,248	\$817,100
ROOFING	164	\$9,548	\$978,988
ROOF TOP UNIT	1	\$155	\$5,567
SHEDS	25	\$1,187	\$76,071
SIDING	39	\$1,892	\$322,970
SIGNS	9	\$10,000	\$44,980
SOLAR PANELS	10	\$720	\$255,384
SUNROOM / 3-SEASON ROOM	4	\$576	\$73,800
TEMP MOBILE HOME / TRAILER	4	\$250	\$36,000
TENTS	3	\$230	\$6,450
WINDOWS & DOORS	64	\$3,370	\$361,928
WOODSTOVE	2	\$155	\$8,000
OTHER	2	\$180	\$6,210
TOTALS	594	\$75,216	\$8,083,460

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging office and senior center is located at 115 Wood Street. Regular office hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Director is Traci Thibault and the phone number is 508-646-2833.

The Council on Aging remains the focal point in the community for seniors. The mission of the Council on Aging continues to be to evaluate, promote and inform elders of new and existing services to enhance their quality of lives. Our elder population continues to increase. The senior population continues to be the fastest growing group of people in this country. In Somerset the total population of seniors according to 2010 census is 5094 an increase of 6.25%.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation service is available 5 days each week and Sunday mornings for church service. One day's notice is required by calling the mini bus at 508-679-0393. Four part-time drivers operate the buses, which are all handicap accessible. All drivers are CPR and first aid certified. In 2013 the buses provided a total of 7,330 rides and drove 28,771 miles.

SERVICES & RECREATION

Recreational activities include: bingo, pitch games, canasta, mahjong, line dancing and three exercise classes - a low impact aerobics class, osteoporosis class and Tai Chi. There is also an air hockey and pool table at the center for seniors to enjoy.

A Podiatrist visits the center on the first and fourth Wednesday of every month by appointment. He serviced 194 clients in 2013.

A SHINE counselor visits the center monthly to assist seniors with health insurance issues. He serviced 115 clients in 2013.

Fuel assistance applications continue to be prepared at the COA office from November 1st to April 30th we assisted 148 people with the application process in 2013.

There are many presentations offered throughout the year to inform elders on pertinent issues concerning health care, retirement, fall prevention to name a few.

Special events were planned throughout the year such as luncheons, entertainment, bus trips.

Triad, a partnership between the Sheriff's Dept., public safety and COA continues to offer programs to ensure the safety of our seniors.

The "Somerset Potters" newsletter continues to be distributed monthly within the

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community at various locations through the generosity of a local printing company, Professional Business Solutions. The newsletter continues to provide a monthly calendar and articles of interest to seniors.

MEALS

Congregate meals are served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. in our eatery. Reservations are necessary. A suggested donation of \$2.00 per meal is requested. The meal site is staffed by a nutrition worker. 1,768 meals were served in our kitchen. Home delivered meals are available to anyone who meets the criteria. This year 20,345 meals were delivered to Somerset homebound residents.

Thanksgiving dinners were delivered to residents in the community due to the generosity of Simply Simons. Five baskets were distributed to needy families in Somerset by the COA with donations made from Somerset residents. We continue to be ever so grateful to all who assisted in any way to brighten the holiday.

FUNDING

In 2013 the Council on Aging received a grant in the amount of \$40,752.00 from Executive Office of Elder Affairs to continue to fund office staff, kitchen staff, extra van trips to Walmart and various other stores and to partially fund 2 of our exercise classes (Aerobics and Tai Chi).

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEMBERS

Traci Thibault, COA Director/Advisory Council Representative

Lee Gosselin, Chairman

John Dator, Vice Chairman

Marion Bower, Recording Secretary

Mary Levesque, member

Joseph Sheppard, member

Muriel Gamache, member

Lucia Casey, member

Jean Gagne was the representative for Somerset on the Board of Directors of Bristol Elder Services Inc. for ½ of the year; we are currently looking for a replacement.

I along with board members wish to thank all town departments our Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support of the Council on Aging and our senior citizen population.

Respectfully submitted:

Traci Thibault, COA Director

SOMERSET CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerset Conservation Commission is comprised of seven members who serve three year staggered terms. The Commission is charged with regulating the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and Riverfront Act. These acts protect any bank, freshwater wetland, coastal wetland, beach, dune, flat, marsh, swamp bordering on the ocean, estuary, creek, river, stream, pond or lakes. It also protects land subject to flooding and the riverfront area. Any work within these areas or within 100 feet of these areas, or within 200 feet of a riverbank, or bank of a perennial stream requires the filing of a Notice of Intent, an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, or a Request of Determination with the Commission before any work can commence. This must be done in order to contribute to the following interests of the Act which are the protection of public/private water supplies, protection of groundwater supply, protection of land containing shellfish, protection of fisheries, protection of wildlife habitat, prevention of pollution, flood control, and storm damage prevention.

The Conservation Agent signs off on all construction projects, many of which did not require filing a formal request with the commission as they would result in no alteration of any resource areas. The Commission conducted fourteen public hearings and ten public meetings. As a result of these hearings/meetings, the Commission issued five Orders of Conditions, five Request for determinations, one Amended Order of Conditions, and two Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation.

The Commission welcomed the re-appointment of Ronald Lassonde.

The Commission has several preserves throughout town. Chace Preserve is located at the foot of Hawthorne St. A nearly three acre wooded site with trails and a bridge over the Buffinton Brook. Elm St. Acres is fifty three acres of woodland trails with Labor-In-Vain Brook running through it. It also contains a pond and many significant rock formations. The Broad Cove Western Coastal Access Trail, which is a wooded trail leading to the bank of Broad Cove with access from route 138 just south of the Dighton turn-around. There is also access from the Pleasant St side, with a parking area. Mallard Point is located at the southern end of Anchor Drive and Pilot Drive. It is a fisherman's access trail and vista site, and Mt. Hope Vista Park on Massasoit St. in Brayton Pt. provides a picnic area, fisherman's access, and vista viewing of the Taunton River and Mt. Hope Bay. We invite all citizens to use the wonderful resource areas. Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Lassonde, Chairman
Robert Camara, Vice Chairman
Timothy D. Turner, Agent/Clerk
Karen Smigel
Matthew Talbot
John Costa
Joseph Duarte

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Your Cable Advisory Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month to handle any complaints brought by you, our residents, about the quality, type and actions of the town's cable provider, Comcast, whether it be a rate issue, local office issue, installation problem, or just to answer a question about cable itself. .

Right now, we are tasked with the Cable Television License Renewal process:. Interviewing residents, finding the needs of the community and surveying customers and preparing an RFP for the Selectmen to give to Comcast.

We are hearing numerous questions asking why we don't have a competitor to Comcast in town. The answer is simple, there are no other companies who want to come here, Verizon has frozen all FIOS builds to what they currently have, with no plans to add more communities. Their thinking is, they could only get half the community, at best, and the cost to buildout Somerset, Swansea, Dighton, and Fall River, where the Central Office would be, would be too high to make any money.

At the October 16, 2013 Cable Rate Hearing at the Department of Telecommunications and Cable, Comcast was asked why they do not include a breakdown of "re-transmission" fees.(those fees charged by TV stations and cable channels to carry the programming) so that the public will know just how greedy the TV stations are getting, causing your cable rates to escalate. (CBS owner of channels 4, 28 & 38 says they will reap an additional 2 Billion dollars this year in re-trans fees from the cable and satellite systems that carry their stations. The Disney company, as an example, charges \$4.50 per month per customer, for Comcast to carry ESPN. These fees keep going up each year. But it cost the stations vast amounts of money to buy the programs you watch on them.

Your Cable Advisory Committee members, Mary Murphy Vice Chair, Dr. Pauline Camara grade k-8 Educational Rep, Captain Stephen Moniz, Public Safety rep, Richard Peirce Somerset-Berkley High School rep, Joe Flanagan, and Cheryl Crossley-Simmons, work very hard to ensure that Comcast provides the service that the License mandates of them. We look forward to receiving comments from the citizens of Somerset about their feelings of their cable television service.

Respectfully submitted,
John Clorite, Chairman

SOMERSET WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

The Somerset Water Pollution Control Department is pleased to submit its Annual Report for 2013. 1,221,621,000 gallons of wastewater treated at the facility this past year.

The yearly daily average flow was 3.3 million gallons per day. Total rainfall recorded at the plant was 42.8". Highest flows occurred in the month of March, averaged 5.8 million gallons per day. Lowest flows occurred in the month of November, the average was 2.1 million gallons per day. Flows have increased 10% from 2012. This is caused by storm water run off, illegally sump pumps and down spouts, etc. We urge everyone to disconnect any sump pumps or down spouts tied to the sanitary sewer.

Dominion Energy reclaimed water flow was 80,767,000 gallons.

There was 12 service connections tied into the sewer system bringing the total number of connections to 6,349.

We sold 600 cubic yards of Massachusetts approved Type 1 Compost that was distributed for beneficial use by Cassella Waste Systems, Inc..

Contract for Engineering Services to upgrade Lees River Avenue Pump Station and Risk Management Plan were awarded to Wright Pierce

We received our Type 1 Compost Renewal Permit from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency.

After 26 years at the Water Pollution Control Facility, Donald Fortin retired July 2013.

I would like to thank the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners and all Departments for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted:

Harold J. Gracia, Jr.

Superintendent

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

The Grave Registration Officer, Mr. Robert Correia, with the assistance of the Somerset Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and various Veterans' organizations, continues the practice of placing flags on the graves of veterans. The Veterans' Agent and the various veterans' organizations distribute flags and grave markers for deceased veterans.

Linda Pelletier continues to assist the Palmer Cemetery, placing flags on the graves of the veterans of the Civil War.

For the families of deceased veterans, please remember that all deceased veterans are entitled to an American flag at their burial, and a government grave marker both provided by the Federal Government. The funeral director will assist the family with this request, or contact the Veterans' Agent office if you need assistance.

We also would like to ask that you contract the Veterans' Agent's office or one of the local Veteran's organization for flags or markers you may need for grave without a marker and/ or flag and please assist us by notifying the Veterans' Agent office or the Graves Registration Office regarding veterans graves that do not have markers or flags.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Correia
Graves Registration Officer

SOMERSET HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Somerset Highway Department is pleased to submit the following report for the year 2013.

The Highway Department continues to maintain the town-accepted roads, parks and playgrounds, and town cemeteries as well as a number of special projects. The Vehicle Maintenance Department continues to service all vehicles and equipment of the Police Department, Fire Department, Council on Aging Department and the Highway Department.

Street reconstruction and re-paving projects were completed on nine streets through the town with a total cost of \$408,886.09. The State MassDOT Chapter 90 Program covering all costs at 100%. A substantial saving was accomplished through work performed by Highway Department personnel in lieu of hiring outside contractors.

This year resurfaced street listing is as follows:

- Read Street
- Riverside Avenue to Brayton Avenue
- Kaufman Road
- Lepas Road
- Perry Avenue
- Meadow Avenue
- Doherty Avenue
- Brayton Point Road
- Read Street to Route 6

I am also pleased to announce that the Highway Department have completed the upgrade of street signs to meet federal standards for letter size and reflectivity and will continue to do so as needed. This program was started with a generous donation from the Somerset Insurance Underwriters Association.

The Department "Clerk" position has been filled to assist the public with their inquiries relating to the Highway Department as well as maintaining the administrative functions and tasks of the department.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to the department employees and other department heads that have made my transition as a Foreman to the Superintendent position a pleasant and rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian J. Martin
Highway Superintendent

VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

I would personally like to thank the Somerset community for making 2013 a wonderful year. We had our Second Annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast with more than 450 local veterans attending, it was a huge success. We currently have over 1600 registered veteran voters in our town, and hopefully next year will be an even bigger success.

The Veteran Services Department would like to extend to all the service men and women who are currently serving, or have served previously in Afghanistan or Iraq to contact this office for any assistance that may need regarding Veteran Services.

Also, please note that any Veterans who have served, on active duty, during Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, and whose primary place of residence was within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for at least six months prior to enlistment, qualify for the Massachusetts Welcome Home program. Please contact the Veterans' Office if further information or help applying is needed.

The Department of Veterans Services continues to assist the needs of veterans and their families with federal entitlement assistance, veterans' disability problems, and claims, both financial and medical. If you are in need of assistance, please call for an appointment to determine eligibility for MA Chapter 115 Veterans Benefits, for veterans and spouses of veterans.

The caseload for Federal assistance from the Veterans' Administration for veterans continues to increase for assistance with prescription drugs and medical benefits. I urge all Veterans with medical and prescription problems to come into the Veterans Office, as all veterans are eligible to receive medical and RX services through the Veterans' Administration.

The needs of our veterans of World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan, and Iraq, and their families, continue to be of concern to the town. Veterans who served overseas in the Vietnam War and the Gulf War are reminded that they should contact this office and make arrangements to go to the VA Hospital for checkups because of the exposure to different types of chemicals used.

I continue to emphasize the importance of all veterans to contact this office so their service records are on file, and to provide them with information on the benefits to which they are entitled.

This office is here to assist all veterans in their needs. We request that all families in our community who have members in the armed forces on active duty, and in the reserves

VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

, to notify this office so that we may keep an active record of all our men and women serving our country.

Transportation assistance for veterans for medical appointments at a VA hospital in Brockton or the New Bedford VA clinic can be arranged by contacting the Veterans Office at Town Hall.

As a reminder, bricks are still available for the Veterans' Memorial brick walkway. The bricks are available for purchase for \$45.00 each at the Veterans Office. The bricks may be purchased for any Somerset resident who is a Veteran, or for Veterans who are relatives of Somerset residents

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Cheetham
Veterans' Service Officer

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Somerset is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment, municipal partnerships, and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 2013, the Town of Somerset paid \$2,934.19 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 16.15 cents per capita.

Local citizens serving at SRPEDD included the following:

SRPEDD Commission: Scott Lebeau and Tim Turner

Joint Transportation Planning Group: Brian Martin and Antonio Cabral

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 2013 were:

- SRPEDD's **Municipal Partnership** program launched new efforts to help improve operating efficiencies of member cities and towns. The regional purchasing program combined the purchasing requirements of twenty five communities for a group purchase of office supplies, for a combined saving of \$700,000. We also conducted a group purchase for EMS supplies resulting in lower cost for participating fire and ambulance departments up to 60%. Grants were obtained to fund the implementation of electronic permitting for area building and health departments.
- The **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds, was completed and approved for FY2013-2016. The TIP targets apply to highway projects, and transit funds for GATRA and SRTA.
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Massachusetts**, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- The **Taunton River** was designated by the US National Park Service as a **Wild and Scenic River** in 2009. The Taunton River Stewardship Council made up of locally appointed representatives from the ten municipalities abutting the Taunton River, along with supporting agencies, continues to meet regularly at SRPEDD to address protection of the river and its outstanding natural resources.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

- **South Coast Rail** remained a major priority in 2013. SRPEDD assisted the SCR Corridor municipalities with a Five-Year Update of the Community Priority Areas and identified Priority Areas of Regional Significance. SRPEDD also continued to support the Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force, which includes representation from SRPEDD municipalities and regional organizations.
- SRPEDD also provided technical assistance to fourteen communities through thirteen projects that implement the South Coast Rail Economic Development and Land Use Corridor Plan. Projects included zoning bylaw amendments, assistance with developing planning documents and renderings of possible future development under project proposals.
- SRPEDD continued as the designated sub-fiduciary agent to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) for the **Southeast Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council** serving 96 communities and the Wampanoag Nation in 6 counties in southeastern Massachusetts. The Council has awarded more than \$25.4 million in federal homeland security funds since 2004.
- SRPEDD conducts a **district-wide traffic counting program** (including speed surveys and vehicle classification, and 35 intersection turning movement counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 100 traffic counts at various locations this past year.
- SRPEDD worked with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to evaluate the impact of proposed slot parlors in Plainville and Raynham.
- An extensive **Geographic Information System (GIS)** mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. Every year new computerized “data layers” are added to the system
- SRPEDD operates the **Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center**, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.
- In cooperation with UMass Dartmouth, the **Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Sustainability** sponsored several workshops throughout the year.
- SRPEDD provides technical planning to two regional transit authorities, **SRTA and GATRA**, including: route evaluations, rider surveys, performance standards and federal reporting.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 365 signalized intersections in the region. This includes geometry, traffic volume, crash rate, signal timing and operational characteristics.
- SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion.
- In addition, technical assistance was provided to the Town of Somerset in the following areas:
 - Conducted a group bid for Emergency Medical Supplies for use by the municipal ambulances. (DLTA)
 - Provided GIS mapping services for several fire departments (Somerset represented) showing locations of fire stations, staging areas and emergency Life-Flight helicopter landing zones. (DLTA)
 - Assisted the town with the Request for Proposals (RFP) for renderings of possible mixed-use development under the recently adopted Slade's Ferry crossing bylaw. (SCR)
 - Assisted Taunton River Trail committee with public outreach, mapping, and website development and funding guidance. (MassDOT)
 - Assessed the flood hazard vulnerability of coastal transportation infrastructure, facilities, and marshland. (MassDOT)
 - Studied traffic congestion issues at the intersection of Read St/Brayton Ave intersection. (MassDOT)
 - Completed a signal Warrants Analysis for the intersection of County St/Whetstone Hill Road. (MassDOT)

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from all the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future.

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

INTRODUCTION

It is with pride and pleasure that I submit the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Annual Report for the 2012-2013 school year. Diman students continue to successfully acquire the academic and vocational skills they need as evidenced by their performance and accomplishments. I make special note of their performance in the Skills USA competition at the regional, state, and national levels, their MCAS scores, graduation rates, and projects in the various communities. I am convinced many future local and regional community leaders will continue to be Diman graduates.

Diman posted a number of accomplishments during the 2012-2013 school year. Twenty seniors participated in the English 101 Dual Enrollment class taught at Diman. These students received both high school graduation credit and transcribed Bristol Community College credit for the course. Nine Office Technology seniors also completed dual enrollment courses that qualified them for their BCC Office Skills Training Certificate upon graduation from Diman. 2012-2013 was also the first year of implementation for the higher Cooperative Education standards. I am happy to report that more students participated in the Co-op program than in any previous year. Student Success Plans were implemented this year insuring that struggling students had the support they needed to succeed. The spring MCAS administration was also the first year that all tenth grade students took the on-demand test insuring that every member of the class of 2015 has the opportunity to earn a Diman diploma. Diman was again recognized as a Level I school by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The results of 2012-2013 clearly indicate that Diman students are able to meet high standards.

In addition to the achievements of the past, the administration, faculty, and staff of Diman and the Greater Fall River Vocational School District are working and planning to meet the challenges of the future. Diman's academic faculty have begun aligning the academic curriculum to the National Common Core Standards that have been incorporated into the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. The vocational faculty also began the revision and updating of their curriculum to align with the newly adopted Massachusetts Vocational Technical Frameworks. We are also continuing to explore programmatic and facilities expansion to ease overcrowding and to provide our students with more alternative for the 21st century.

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and administration, I thank the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee, governmental leaders, citizens, and parents for their continued support. On a personal note, I would like to thank the Diman faculty and staff for their work and dedication to Diman and the District in preparing for the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation visit done in October 2013. Evaluating every department, program, and aspect of the school can be a daunting task. The faculty and staff met the challenge of completing all

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reports and preparations within timelines and with complete adherence to all guidelines. As we closed the school year, faculty and staff were looking forward with confidence to the NEASC Visiting Team's continued accreditation of Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Respectfully submitted,
Marta E. Montleon
Superintendent-Director

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Laurenio Couto, Chairperson – Fall River
Paul Jennings, Vice Chairperson – Westport
Ronald Silva, Assistant Treasurer – Swansea
Donald DiBiasio – Somerset (Elected May 2013)
Joan Menard – Fall River
Diane Nadeau – Fall River
Robert Ciosek – Somerset (Replaced May 2013)

2012 – 2013 ENROLLMENT

	Male	Female	TOTALS
GRADE 9	197	178	375
GRADE 10	205	153	358
GRADE 11	201	135	336
GRADE 12	174	143	317
Total 9 – 12	777	609	1386
LPN – Day	1	46	47
LPN – Part Time Day	0	9	9
LPN – Part Time Evening	4	14	18
LPN TOTALS	5	69	74

CLASS OF 2017 ADMISSIONS AND ORIENTATION

Six hundred one grade nine applications were received for the 2012-2013 school year. In April 2012, the newly accepted students were tested in reading comprehension, numerical ability and language usage. Results were used to assist in the initial academic placement of incoming grade nine students. Three hundred seventy-five (375) were enrolled as of October 1, 2012.

On August 13, 14, 15, & 16, 2012, an orientation program was held in the school

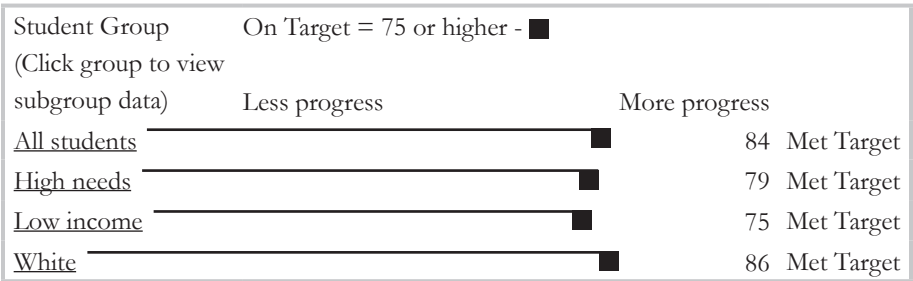
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auditorium for all new students. Students were given instructions for the opening of school, bus routes were assigned, and handbooks as well as student schedules were distributed and explained. Students also took photos for student ID's.

A "New Student Information Night" was held on September 11, 2012, to familiarize parents of new students with school programs and the school's philosophy and policies. School administrators were present to explain their roles and what Diman expects of the students.

DIMAN'S DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION REPORT CARD AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Diman's Accountability and Assistance Level	
Level 1	Meeting gap narrowing goals
Diman's determination of need for special education technical assistance or intervention.	
Meets Requirements (MR)	
Diman's overall performance relative to other schools in same grade span (School % tile 1-99)	
All students:	36
Diman's progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps (Cumulative Progress and Performance Index: 1-100)	



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MCAS Tests of Spring 2013

Percent of Students at Each Performance Level for Diman Reg Voc Tech High.

Grade and Subject	Proficient or Higher	Advanced	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Warning/Failing***	Students Included	CPI*	SGP	Included in SGP
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	93	18	75	7	0	351	97.7	41.0	293
MATH	80	41	39	17	3	351	90.9	47.0	293
SCIENCE & TECH/ENG	66	13	53	30	4	342	86.8	N/A	N/A

** CPI = Composite Performance index

***SGP = Student Growth Percentile

*Students whose MCAS score falls in the Warning/Failing range in 10th grade are offered targeted tutorial support and up to four retest opportunities before graduation

Teacher Data (2012-13)

	District	State
Total # of Teachers	128.6	70,635.8
% of Teachers Licensed in Teaching Assignment	99.2	97.5
Total # of Classes in Core Academic Areas	416	345,316
% of Core Academic Classes Taught by Teachers Who are Highly Qualified	97.8	98.0
Student/Teacher Ratio	10.8 to 1	13.5 to 1

COMPETENCY DETERMINATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2013

Three hundred fourteen (314) students from the class of 2013 received a competency determination and graduated with Diplomas. One student received a Certificate of Attainment.

TESTING

All sophomores took the Department of Elementary and Secondary Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (M.C.A.S.) exam. Any junior or senior who had not yet achieved his or her competency determination were also given re-tests. All MCAS examinations were administered on the DESE statewide schedule.

The Guidance Department returned to using Stanford 10 for placement testing for incoming 9th grade students. However, now we are utilizing their online feature which provide immediate scores and takes less time for students to complete then the paper and pencil version.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS 2013

THE BENGAL CHALLENGE! The program was again a huge success. One hundred ten entering ninth grade students from Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, and Westport participated in this summer program. The program was three weeks long. The first week, "It's All About You," focused on the students' health, nutrition, fitness, being safe, and making good decisions. Students learned about Diman in the second week, "It's All About Diman," with scavenger hunts to learn the building and math problems and to become proficient with locker combinations. The third week, "It's All About Our Community," saw students taking a trolley tour of Fall River, learning about our community's role in history including the Revolution, Civil War, World Wars, and immigration. The tour included visits to the Battleship Cove, Historical Society, and Lizzy Borden's house. The program placed a high priority on student's readiness for the rigors of the vocational curriculum with a portion of each day devoted to academic skill development. In addition to Mathematics and English Language Arts each day, students focused on Science the first week, Physical Education the second, and History the third. Throughout the program, teachers also included team activities that challenged and stretched students' academic skills. The Students arrived as strangers, but left with a feeling that they were part of something special – the Diman Community!

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School offered **Summer Remedial Make-up Program** in Shop Related Theory. The remedial program was self-funded with an enrollment of three students. Students who required remedial make-up in English, Math, Science or Social Studies were notified of area summer programs available at B.M.C. Durfee High School, Somerset High School, Bristol Community College or Private Area Tutors which meet the Diman guidelines of summer make-up programs. Ten students required Math, 13 for English Language Arts, 7 for Biology and 2 for Social Studies.

Diman piloted a **Summer Foreign Language Program** offering Spanish I and Portuguese I through a blended learning model. In addition to attended classes at Diman one day a week for six weeks, students participated in internet based distance learning. Forty-six students participated and earned high school credit in these two courses, 21 in Spanish and 25 in Portuguese.

Nineteen students participated in a 24-hour **Princeton Review SAT Preparation** class in the summer of 2012. Students were in small groups of 6 students per class. The increase in SAT scores ranged from 90 to 630 points (total Math, Verbal, and Writing) with an average of 245 point gain.

Recognizing the importance of continuous improvement, Diman requires all students to complete **Summer Learning Packets** in the core academic areas. This year the summer packets again featured an online review developed in collaboration with JFYNet. A set of directions were created and help sessions were designated. All information was given to students before they left for summer break and also provided

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on the Diman webpage. The summer reading lists were also revised. Students were assigned one, two, or three books, depending on the class and level. Students were assessed when they returned to school in September.

The **School of Practical Nursing** offered its fourth Summer Jumpstart Program for incoming students. Thirty-four (34) students took Normal Nutrition and thirty-one (31) took Anatomy/Physiology. A third course, Growth, Development and Behavior was offered as a Saturday option with twelve (12) students enrolling. Sixty (60) students also took a distance learning course, Mathematics for Health Care Professionals, taught by Diane Monast through the Moodle Distance Learning Platform.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The **English Language Arts Department** had another very successful year. The graduating class of 2013 is the fifth graduating class to have received 100% successful passing of MCAS. Grades 9 and 10 completed the first year of CORE Standards in the *McDougal/ Holt series*. The ELA Core Curriculum Revision Committee also met in the Spring 2013 to align grades 11 and 12 curriculum to the CORE for implementation in the 2013-2014 school year. The major addendum to the course of study in all grade levels is the Reading Standard for Informational Text. The curriculum includes: texts, supplementary novels, audio and video tapes, computer technology and word processing writing assignments, poetry and curriculum projects.

All English Language Arts and Reading Language Arts students were expected to read and write independently during their Shop Cycle and throughout the entire year. Textbooks and supplementary novels were implemented in their respective curriculum. Honor students also completed a Library/Research project. Many of the ELA faculty had their classes read, write and present contemporary book reviews on independent reading books that were borrowed from the school library. Many of these reading projects such as *Trifolds*, CD covers and Book reviews were on display in the school's Library. These displays help to promote these books to the rest of the school body.

The English Language Arts Department continued to require summer reading for all students. Students entering grades 10, 11, and 12 received two books on which they are assessed when they return to school in August. The summer reading lists were revised to include one non-fiction at these grade levels to reflect the CORE Standard for Nonfiction. The reading requirement for incoming freshmen was revised to reflect a choice of one book from a list of three.

The BCC/Diman English 101 and 102 courses were offered for the 2012-2013 school year. As proof of the rigor in these courses, the results of student work were made visible during the BCC Portfolio Committee Assessment Day. All of the students from Diman passed their college level portfolio evaluations, three with distinction. Students were commended for their commitment to their topics and work.

The **Mathematics Department** had a very busy and successful year this year.

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Curriculum review was initiated to update current courses to the new Common Core Standards. All freshmen and sophomore classes were completed and work will continue on junior and senior classes next year.

Ninety-eight percent of the students passed the Mathematics MCAS test the first time they took it. The number of students passing in the Advanced category increased and the number of students in the Warning or Needs Improvement categories decreased. As a result of MCAS analysis, a modified Algebra 1A course – covering some topics in less depth and covering some topics which were previously offered in Algebra 1B was piloted. The success of students in this course led to additional changes in the mathematics curriculum in 2013-2014. Starting next year, Algebra 1A will become known as Algebra 1 and will incorporate all topics previously in Algebra 1A as well as topics of Algebra 1B. In two years we will phase out the Algebra 1B class and replace it with Algebra 2.

Both Honors Trig and Analytics and standard level Trig and Analytics courses were added to the course offerings in 2012-2013. The success of these courses led to the development of an Honors Pre- Calculus to be introduced next year for seniors and will include topics which have not been covered in the Honors Trig class as well as an introduction to Calculus topics.

Summer packets were revised and will again be online using JFY Network. Last year's success rate of almost 90% completed was the best we have had. Summer Labs helped by providing support for those students who struggled with the material or did not have internet access.

The 2012-2013 Academic year was a successful one for the **Social Studies Department**. The year was notable for the development of new electives, the implementation of new curriculum in United States History I and the development of an internet based summer project.

The department continued to implement curricula based on the most recent history standards issued by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An integral part of our curriculum development was the inclusion of the Common Core Standards recently developed and adopted by the state. In this regard, the department continued to incorporate primary source analysis and statistical data into everyday classroom activities and lessons. As of this report, department members are beginning the effort of revising curriculum in World History, to align it with recent Common Core standards. The department also is developing new curricula for two new elective offerings: Psychology; and Art, Music, and Culture in 20th Century America. These offerings will allow upper-classmen the ability to access rich and rewarding social studies content. These courses take the department away from being a history dependent department and rounds us into a modern Social Studies Department with a full variety of course offerings.

The department has also continued to participate in cross-curricula projects with other

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departments. As a result of these efforts, a class has been and will continue to be offered next academic year combining thematic units in both ELA and Social Studies for junior students. With the US I and World curriculum properly aligned to meet Common Core standards, the department will seek to align subsequent courses as well, to ensure students are receiving a standards based curriculum that is challenging and meaningful.

The **Physical Education/Health Department** has continued to evaluate the program offerings and grading system. With the realization that most students will not be members of sports teams as adults and the health issues related to increasing obesity in the country, the department has continued its move from a sports centered curriculum to a fitness and healthy lifestyle curriculum. The increases in fitness awareness and activity have led to student increases in strength and endurance during fitness testing. In Health, the students have also showed an increase in awareness of positive nutritional habits. For example, the junior/senior classes submitted fitfolios that clearly demonstrated the healthy lifestyle changes some of the students achieved. There were different activities at each stage of the fitfolio development with a poster indicating types of exercises in the trimester 3 fitolio submission.

The members of the department also developed a rubric for student grading. By creating and using this rubric, teachers are able to assess the students more closely. The rubric also brought to light the differences in the students' participation and effort compared to their natural skill levels. It also highlighted the need for a written curriculum connected to both the Massachusetts Comprehensive Frameworks and the NASPE frameworks.

The **Science Department** had a very successful year. A Sustainability dual enrollment class with BCC was piloted in the Honors Biology 10 class during the second half of the year. Students who want to earn the 3 credits from BCC will be able to take the other half of the class, Green Technology, next year. It is proposed to be a hybrid class offered after school from September until December. Physics First, a new program offered to freshmen, was also introduced this year. The students that were enrolled in Physics First will be taking the second half of the curriculum in grade 10 and will take the Physics MCAS test in the spring of 2014 to meet their Science, Engineering, and Technology competency requirement.

Biology 9 and 10 is currently using the Massachusetts Standards Based Curriculum. This was the last year that the Evolution standards are offered in grade 10. That topic is now in the grade 9 curriculum. Physics First curriculum part 1 (grade 9) was written and aligned with Massachusetts standards this year. The second part of the Physics First curriculum was written over the summer 2013. The Chemistry curriculum was also revised during the summer of 2013. It is noted that, beginning with the Class of 2014, a passing grade for ninth and tenth grade science is a graduation requirement for Diman students.

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Teachers have continued to integrate the use of technology within the courses they teach to enhance the students' knowledge base. A lap top cart with 25 computers and a printer was added to the department resources to support these efforts. Teachers have received training which enables them to use the laptop carts for projects and research within their classroom.

VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The **Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing Department** has continued to place a high priority on student safety reviewing safety guidelines such as dress code at the beginning of the school year along with safety guidelines for safe equipment operation. Students also complete the OSHA safety course and an ASE online course. Throughout the year, students provide services to the sending communities through the completion of a variety of projects. The town of Somerset requested and received help in the painting of their trash barrels located at Ashton Field. In addition, AC students refinished and repaired a pickup truck for the City of Fall River this school year. Additionally, a request from the Fall River Police Department to paint and repair a portable speed indicator was completed, as well as the repainting of an SUV and prisoner transport van. Robert Martins of Swansea was named the Outstanding Student for 2013 in the Auto Collision Repair & Refinishing program.

The program and students of the **Automotive Technology Department** experienced a very successful 2012-2013 school year. The eighty-nine very busy students enrolled in this program provided professional level repairs and services to over five-hundred vehicles. The program had a strong Exploratory showing with twenty-nine ninth grade students identifying it as their first choice. Ten seniors were employed in Cooperative Education placements. The shop had some renovations and the curriculum was revised to include twenty-first century skills that will broaden our students' employment opportunities going forward. The SkillsUSA Workforce Ready testing was also implemented for the first time in the Automotive Related class. This incorporated ASE/NATEF standards, resulting in grade eleven and twelve students performing above the national average for this age group with a pass rate of eighty-percent. Certificates of Achievement were provided to students who successfully passed this assessment. All students currently enrolled in the program have also obtained their 10- Hour OSHA General Industry safety credential. The AT shop underwent major renovations during the 2013 school year in an effort to modernize the program's look and function. The restructuring of the shop and office area is to prepare the program to implement a service and parts program that simulates a professional automotive service environment. Personnel changes include retirement of Mr. John Miranda in December of 2012. He was replaced as department head by Mr. John Chicharro. Mr. Michael Farias replaced Mr. Miranda as the twelfth grade instructor. Bryan Coelho of Fall River was named the Outstanding Vocational Student for 2013 in the Automotive Technology program..

Over two hundred seventy-five (275) ninth graders explored the **Carpentry/**

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Cabinetmaking Department. The final enrollment grew to 108 students for the 2012-2013 school year. The curriculum challenged students both in the shop/house building and in the related classroom. All freshmen completed the ten hour on-line OSHA certification and seven of the seniors participated in the schools co-op employment program. Students also completed a myriad of projects including a nearly 3700 sq. ft. home in Westport, custom cabinetry for the Chamber of Commerce tourism lobby, and a podium for the City of Fall River, just to mention a few. There were also some personnel changes within the program with Ron Silvia moving to the related instructor position. Al Saviano, in his first year instructing the sophomore class, also took on the role as freshmen instructor during John Araujo's medical leave. Jeffery Cabral completed his first full year as the assistant at the house building site. The related classroom had a major makeover with new furniture and classroom computers. A hazard assessment and a shop safety inspection were conducted with staff reporting problem areas and necessary repairs being made. The outstanding student in the Carpentry program for 2013 was David Barata of Swansea.

The school year for 2012/2013 has been an excellent year for the **Culinary Arts Department**. All Juniors passed the test for their ServSafe certification, all Freshmen passed their OSHA test, and the Culinary Arts program was granted the ACFEF certification. Both the shop and related Culinary Arts curriculum was aligned with standards of the Massachusetts CVTE Frameworks. In preparation of the 2012/2013 school year the department's Health and Safety Plan was revised to include guidelines for new equipment. The Culinary Arts Department has continued to collaborate with the cafeteria kitchen on menu development and food preparation providing a wider variety of food offerings for students. Changes were also made to the Room 251 restaurant schedule to enhance the learning environment and enable teachers to engage in more one to one instruction. Takeout orders were limited to three days a week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and the restaurant was closed once a month per cycle group to focus on instruction and the fabrication of different food items. Even with these changes, restaurant sales were over \$180,000. The CA department also conducted the Annual Thanksgiving Lunch, Thanksgiving Pies and the Holiday Buffet. In December 2012, the program sponsored an Annual Gingerbread House Decorating event, with proceeds for the event going to the Diman Key Club to help disadvantaged Diman students and their families during the Christmas holiday. This year, the department also offered more upscale items and a greater variety of products allowing our students the opportunity to learn more and exposing them to a wider range of food products. Brunna Ferreira of Fall River was the outstanding student in 2013.

As the fifth most requested program, **Dental Assisting** continues to be one of Diman's most popular shops. The freshmen program accepted 18 students and there were no transfers out of the freshmen class. Fourteen Dental students participated in the cooperative education program and Jonathan Candido, a Junior, earned a second Gold Medal at the National SkillsUSA competition. All ninth grade students attained their

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CPR certification and successfully passed their OSHA exams. Ninety-four percent of the sophomores successfully passed the Dental Assisting National Board Infection Control Exam and 100% of the juniors successfully passed the Dental Assisting National Board Radiation Health and Safety Exam. The Dental Assisting program continued its clinical affiliations with local dental offices. Ten offices participated in the program, with 18 students completing 40 hours of clinical affiliations. Sophomores and seniors assisted Public Health hygienists during the Polished Program that provided free cleanings to our students throughout the year. The program also assisted with a number of public service campaigns including SMILES, a program that offers free dental care to patients and the “Kick Butts” Campaign for Tobacco Free Students. Seniors visited Ninth Street Day Nursery where they educated students on dental health and proper nutrition. The program continues to fabricate mouth guards for Diman athletes in sports where mouth protection is mandated. Faculty also participated in Dentistry From The Heart, a program that offers free dental care to patients. Jacqueline Canton of Swansea was named the Outstanding Student in the Dental Assisting program for 2013.

The **Drafting Department** experienced a resurgence of student interest with eighteen freshmen enrolled bring the total student enrollment to fifty-four. Six seniors participated in the Cooperative Employment Program during the school year. Five students remained employed at the time of graduation. All Freshmen successfully completed the 10-hour construction online safety program. All seniors passed the Work Force Ready Exam for Technical Drafting and fifty-eight percent of the junior class passed the Work Force Ready Exam for Architectural Drafting. Curriculum changes were discussed with the Advisory Board and will include the implementation of a civil engineering module and additional STEM and Pre-Engineering concepts. The Drafting Department is articulated with Bristol Community College and is seeking national certification from the American Design Drafting Association (ADDA). The Drafting department was engaged in a number of projects in 2013 including the kitchen layout for the house building project, the department also drafted a sign for the City of Fall River (Niagara Neighborhood), as well as numerous in-house drawings for the maintenance department. The Drafting department teamed with both B.M.C. Durfee High School and Morton Middle School as part of the Morton School Shadow Project, where students shadowed a contract administrator, architect and general contractor regarding a major municipal project to develop a greater understanding of building processes from start to finish. Taylor Langley of Fall River was named the program’s 2013 Outstanding Student.

Students in the **Electrical Department** had a very busy year completing projects both in the school and within the sending communities. One project was the disconnecting and relocation to an outside site of the shop solar panels. A 1-1/4” EMT was installed in the shop to protect a fiber optic cable that will be run to monitor the Solar Photovoltaic Project electrical production. Diman will receive both electricity and energy credits through this project. Upperclassmen also completed projects in

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Automotive, Auto Body, Culinary, Dental, Electrical, Facilities Management, Graphics, Machining, and the D-Wing bathrooms. Community projects included the installation of light sensors for hallway lighting at the Swansea Elderly Housing Complex and the on-going electrical renovations at the Highway Survey Department in Westport as well as working on the house building project in Westport. All of the electrical shop students have completed the CareerSafe (12 Hour) Online OSHA Course and have been issued the OSHA cards. Faculty reviewed the new Electrical Frameworks in preparation for a full alignment in the coming year. Michael Ferreira of Fall River was named the 2013 Outstanding Student in the Electrical program.

The **Electronics Technology Department** has had another successful year. Despite the regional economic difficulties, the Electronics Department has a large group of students on co-op and a record number of freshmen who have chosen electronics as their first choice for program placement. All students attained the OSHA 10-hour safety certification and forty students passed their IS CET electronics certifications tests. Faculty are excited as a department begins implementation of the new state frameworks for electronics. For the first time there is a heavy emphasis on robotics and computer technology. Curriculum realignment began and will continue throughout the 2013/2014 school year. The changes will make our students so much better in tune with the industry. Six of the top ten students in 2013 came from the Electronics program. Danielle Candido of Fall River was named as the Outstanding Student in the 2013 school year. She was also Diman's representative for the Massachusetts Outstanding Vocational Student Award.

In spite of a number of staff rotations due to illness, the **Facilities Management Department** had a very successful year. The modified exploratory curriculum was successful and enrollment was steady. The three students who participated in co-op did exceptionally well, receiving grades from their employers ranging from 89 to 99. The department also included the industry certifications available to students through Facilities Management in their curriculum. These include the OSHA10 certification for 9th graders, the Chief Architect Certificate for 10th graders, the Lockout Tagout Safety Course Certificate for 11th graders, and the Confined Space Training Course Certificate for 12th graders. Students were involved in a number of school and community projects including work for the Westport Highway Department, the Fall River Police Department, signs for Swansea and Fall River, and various jobs throughout the school in preparation for the NEASC visit in the fall. The Diman house in Westport was painted and kitchen cabinets were stained by students in the Facilities Management program. Vincent Rapoza was awarded the honor of being named the 2013 Facilities Management Outstanding Vocational Student.

The **Graphic Communications Department** experienced success from both a production and educational perspective during the 2013 school year. The program has a record high enrollment of 98 students with six seniors working in area companies through co-op placements. In their freshmen year, students learned screen printing,

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sophomores learned offset printing and bindery, and junior instruction focused on design and prepress. Seniors learn digital print, embroidery, and customer service and produce most of the “live work” for the communities. In-house production included over 3.1 million copies for the Diman staff through the quick-print center. Estimated production for the program in 2013 was over \$353,000. Also, the department produced graduation diplomas for both B.M.C. Durfee High School and Diman in 2013. The senior class project resulted in the completion of Diman’s 2013 yearbook, “Classmates”. More significantly, the Graphic Communications program is now responsible for school mailings, including report cards and other school bulk mailings. The recently purchased mailing software that was purchased for the GC program has resulted in a savings to the District of over a thousand dollars in 2013. The program conducted student assessments in both Adobe PhotoShop and SkillsUSA Workforce Ready. Zaina Gouveia of Fall River was named the 2013 Outstanding Vocational Student for the Graphic Communications program.

The **Health Assisting Department** was again the first most requested shop for placement from the exploratory program. The program accepted 29 female and 1 male freshmen student in January. Health Center 21 has proven to be an important asset to our program in being able to reinforce the concepts that have been taught. The American Red Cross Babysitter certification was added to the freshmen curriculum starting in the 2012-2013 school year. Juniors also benefit from the Department’s clinical affiliation with Clifton Rehabilitative Nursing Center. Over the four years in the program students have the opportunity to earn numerous certification. Thirty freshmen students completed the 10 hour OSHA General Safety course, received the American Heart Association BLS Health Care Provider certification, their National Safety Council First Aid Certification, and their Babysitter Certification. Twenty-five juniors passed the state certification test for CAN and received the American Heart Association BLS Health Care Provider certification. Twenty-four juniors also successfully completed the Workforce Ready Assessment. Seven seniors received a Human Services Credential in Providers Council Developmental Disabilities I and II, six seniors received certification as Home Health Aides, and one senior received National Certification as an EKG Technician. Co-op education placements in the Health Assisting field continue to be high again this year having all 28 eligible students out on coop. The demand for our students in the Health Care field is high and we have not seen any impact due to the poor local economy on our program. . Ashley Oliveira of Fall River was named the 2013 Outstanding Student in the Health Assisting program.

The **Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Department (HVAC/R)** continued to make gains in the area of sustainability in both curriculum and projects during the 2012-2013 school year. The related classes continued to use an online program and text which eliminated the cost of purchasing textbooks and enables students to access an e-book online from any computer at home or at school. Students received industry certifications including OSHA 10-hour construction safety

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in grade nine, EPA section 608 refrigerant management certifications in grade eleven, and their EPA 410A safety training certification in grade twelve. The HVAC/R students contributed to Diman's house building program with the installation of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. The students completed several repair jobs, new installations, and preventive maintenance throughout the building under the supervision of the senior instructor. Alexandre Medeiros of Fall River was named the Outstanding Student for the 2013.

The **Machine Tool Technology Department** had another very successful year with 100 students enrolled in the program. The Machine Tool Technology program is nationally certified by the NIMS organization. Co-op placements remained strong as jobs available surpassed Diman's ability to fill all employer requests due mostly to transportation. Throughout the school year, a total of 17 students were on co-op. At the end of the co-op employment cycle all students who expressed an interest in staying with their co-op employer as their career choice were offered full-time employment. All twenty-eight freshmen successfully completed the OSHA Career Safe General Certification and seniors received Workforce Ready Certification. The Machine Tool Technology program continues to provide valuable services and projects for our member communities and for virtually every shop at Diman. Of special interest was a model M1A1 Abrams Tank the sophomores manufactured that replicates the real thing closely enough to draw the attention of the US Army. Faculty completed a scope and sequence of the new curriculum frameworks and plan to continue alignment in the coming school year. To maintain industry standards, a number of equipment purchase were also made including five Clausing-Metosa lathes for the Freshman area, a Kalamazoo Band saw in the freshman/ sophomore area and a new Prototrak 1630 programmable lathe to replace the old Smart-Lathe. With the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the HAAS VF-2, which was purchased in 1996 was also replaced with a new HAAS VF-2 and up to date machining accessories package. The Machine Tool Technology program is nationally certified by the National Institute of Metalworking Skills organization. Nicholas Parente of Fall River was named the Outstanding Vocational Student.

Metal Fabrication and Joining Technology Department had another very successful year with a total enrollment of eighty-eight students with nine seniors and two juniors in cooperative education placements at the end of the year. The faculty completed a scope and sequence of the new curriculum frameworks and will work on a more comprehensive alignment of Strand 2 in the coming year. The Metal Fabrication and Joining Technologies program maintains certification with the American Welding Society (Certificate # 041101PO) and our state articulation agreement with the Sheet Metal Apprentice training center in Dorchester, MA. Student safety continued to be the top priority and all freshmen were required to take the OSHA 10 course. Students also receive safety and operation training and are tested on each piece of machinery at the start of each year. Personal safety, fire safety, electrical safety, machine safety and

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emergency response are also covered. Both Diman and our communities benefited with projects both large and small completed by students. Of special note was the installation of the final phase of the student designed and manufactured fence around the football stadium in time for the 2013 graduation exercises. Instructional changes are on the horizon for the program, as the teaching aide position that is currently held by Mr. James Ainsworth is going to be transformed into a full-time teaching position. The district will be hiring the full-time instructor to become the exploratory/freshmen instructor at the beginning of the 2014 school year. William Parrington of Somerset, Massachusetts was named as the Outstanding Vocational Student in the Metal Fabrication and Joining Technology program for 2013.

The **Office Technology Department** had another successful year for students with changes to curriculum, access, and physical space. Enrollment continued to be high with 24 freshmen entering the program. Sixteen seniors participated in co-op and twenty juniors were placed during the third term. The greatest accomplishment for the Office Technology program this year is that 11 of our students completed the BCC Office Skills Training and received their BCC Certificate after graduating from Diman. Nine students are enrolled in this program for the coming school year. Twenty-two students received a credential for passing the Microsoft Office Certification for Word 2010, and twenty-six passed the Microsoft Certification for PowerPoint 2010, nineteen passed the Microsoft Certification for Excel with one student receiving a perfect score. Six of the students who piloted the Microsoft Certification for Outlook also passed that exam. Classrooms were renovated to facilitate a more efficient and organized use of space. Office Technology adopted a rotating schedule that allowed the instructors to work to their strengths while instructing all grade levels. A new format was also implemented for our computer system. Information Technology (IT) created a virtual machine (VM) environment for Office Technology including remote access. OT students are now able to access their Diman worksite from anywhere there is an Internet connection. This tool provides them continuity when completing homework assignments and allows them access to all specialized software applications being used. Lauren Loucks of Fall River was named as the Office Technology program's Outstanding Vocational Student in 2013.

The **Plumbing Department** once again had a successful year. Diman's plumbing infrastructure is slowly aging, therefore, this is a perfect opportunity to have our students engage in real life plumbing issues. We have renovated three bathrooms, two student bathrooms and one faculty bathroom, replaced and added air lines in various shops. To have our students receive the best instruction, the plumbing shop has four shop instructors and one related teacher, so that no question goes unanswered. In addition to the OSHA course which all freshmen take for certification, safety is an ongoing instruction priority during all projects in shop and of offsite jobs. Students in the program also provided services to the Westport Highway Department and were once again an integral part of the House Building program. The Plumbing program

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follows the Massachusetts State Plumbing and Gas Code. Matthew Coffee of Swansea was named Plumbing's Outstanding Vocational Student in 2013.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Diman Cooperative Education Program is designed to provide an opportunity for students to gain valuable employability skills and further their technical education through a paid work experience. Qualifying students attend school for two weeks for academics and then return to their respective employers for two weeks for Co-op. In addition to grade requirements, every student who was interested in applying for a position had a resume and experienced an interview. During the 2012 – 2013 school year, eighty (80) employers supervised and continued training one hundred eighty four (184) seniors and juniors. At the end of the school year, sixty-five (65) graduates in the class of 2013 were offered full-time employment by their Co-op employers and twenty-five (25) students remained as part-time employees.

Diman's Cooperative Education Program also had a number of activities to educate students and promote the program during the 2012-2013 school year. The program collaborated with Youth Connect to provide training and education to prepare students for participation in the Annual Co-op Job Fair. Training was provided to two hundred and sixty (260) students on a number of job fair related topics, such as dressing for success, resumes, presenting themselves to employers and other topics related to the event. The 3rd Annual Co-Op Job Fair was held in March with thirty-three organizations represented and over 260 students participating. Forty-five students obtained cooperative or part-time employment as a result of this event.

The Cooperative Education Program also collaborated with the Special Education Department and the Southeastern Council of Independent Living on grant funded activities that provide students with disabilities an opportunity to develop job skills to obtain employment opportunities. Students were successfully placed in internship at various organizations throughout the community through this program.

GUIDANCE AND PUPIL SERVICES

Personnel in the Guidance and Pupil Services Office were very busy during the 2012-2013 school year. In addition to providing individual counseling services to each student, counselors created curriculum, developed partnerships, and took on new responsibilities. Counselors are now responsible for reviewing teacher course recommendations for students and entering scheduling requests electronically. Lesson plans were written and implemented for individual conferences with 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. The conference included going over their grades, career and college planning, GPA and rank, as well as requirements for college entrance such as SAT/ACT tests, MCAS and Accuplacer. Group lesson plans have also been written for grade 10 and 11 and revised for grade 9 and 12. Some of the goals of these lessons include: setting personal, academic and career goals for short and long term, understanding the course selection process, learning what Career Cruising has to offer

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and begin to build a portfolio.

A post-secondary planning booklet was also created by the guidance counselors and printed for the students and parents by the Graphic Communications department. A workshop was held on November 8, 2012 for all parents and students interested in getting more information about planning beyond high school and the post-secondary planning booklets were given to all those that attended. Counselors also gave the planning booklets out to the seniors during their group guidance meetings.

The Guidance and Pupil Services faculty have maintained or established relationships with a number of outside organizations and agencies that provide services to our students and families. These include a Parenting/Pregnancy Group co-facilitated counselor and Family Services therapist, a variety of organizations who provide individual therapists for Diman students, and presentation by Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority on college admissions and financial aid. The department also facilitated Diman's participation in the Bristol County Youth Court where 16 students contributed a total of 247 community service hours.

The Guidance and Pupil Services faculty also participated in the Southeast Equity Leaders (S.E.E.L.) group lead by Jeff Perrotti. This group met approximately every two months throughout the school year at various schools throughout Massachusetts. During these meetings, there were multiple strategies that were discussed in regards to engaging non-traditional students. Fellow school personnel were able to strategize and discuss non-traditional student issues.

The Bristol Career Vocational Technical Education program begins in the sophomore year of high school and continues through two or four years of college. This program prepares students for a career pathway, which coordinates with a defined post-secondary course of study at participating post-secondary institutions. Juniors or seniors who qualified are able to enroll in tuition free Bristol Community College (BCC) in conjunction with the Dual Enrollment Program. Thirty-four students completed courses at BCC under the Dual Enrollment Program earning a total of 214 credits.

The Accuplacer Exam is the College Placement Test (CPT) required by all Massachusetts State colleges. Through the CVTE program, we proctored the exam for students at Diman.

The Bristol CVTE program also awards college credits at BCC to students under the Articulated Credit Agreements for the work performed in their shop. In June 2013, 156 Diman seniors qualified for Articulated BCC Course Credit. Eighty graduates ultimately attended BCC and were granted a total of 949 credits.

Upon graduation, Diman students continue to benefit from Articulation Agreements with colleges, technical schools, and labor organizations. Particularly noteworthy is Diman's relationship with Bristol Community College (BCC) where there are

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twenty-four (24) individual agreements covering skills and knowledge in Graphic Communication, Machine Tool Technology, Electronics, Electricity, Drafting, Culinary Arts, and Office Technology. Agreements with New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) were also renewed this year for Air Conditioning, Auto Technology, Drafting, Electricity and Electronics. Diman's long standing articulation agreement for Culinary Arts with Johnson and Wales University was also reinstated this year after a lapse of several years. Our agreements with other schools are still active and remain in effect for another school year. Those articulations are for Drafting, Computer Technology, and Automotive Technology with Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology; Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning Technology with Massasoit Community College and Auto Technology with Universal Technical Institute. An additional agreement with the Sheet Metal Workers Joint Apprenticeship Program, Local 17 also remains active.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Education Department provides services to 134 students with disabilities. Diman has three programs designed to meet the various learning needs of our students with disabilities, General Shop – grade 9 only, the Basic Program – grades 10-12, and the Standard Program – mainstreaming and services grades 9-12.

General Shop is a one-year exploratory program provided to grade nine students with disabilities who require support while assessing their academic and vocational abilities on a daily basis in a more controlled and individualized environment. This program provides students with four periods of General Shop and four periods of academics. The General Shop students have the opportunity to be moved into the Basic or Standard programs when they are evaluated at mid-year and again at the end of freshmen year.

Students with disabilities who are determined to need a more structured schedule along with daily instruction and reinforcement in academics enter the Basic program usually for grades 10 through 12 where they are provided daily academic classes and go to a vocational shop in which they have shown ability, each on a half-day basis. All other students enter the Standard Program and receive academic services with special education teachers based on their IEPs and are placed into trade areas based on ability. Determined by individual progress, students may move from the Basic to Standard program during the 10-12th grades. Reading intervention services such as Wilson Reading and/ Orton Gillingham were also provided after school as needed.

Diman continues to collaborate with the Southeast Center for Independent Living, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, and Community Connections. These agencies provided transition support services to our students with disabilities. A permit class was once made possible through the Southeast Center for Independent Living. The class ran for three weeks and six students were administered their permit test at Diman by a representative from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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The Special Education Department continued to analyze available MCAS data to determine student weaknesses and remediate to these areas to increase MCAS success. MCAS Math support was provided to those students with disabilities who did not achieve competency on their eighth grade math MCAS. These students received one on one to small group instruction two days a week during their vocational week. This program started in October and ended the week before the tenth grade MCAS test was administered. Sixteen students from the Class of 2015 received MCAS math support. Parent support was a key component to the success of these students because weekly progress reports were mailed home. Eighteen graduates of the Class of 2013 on IEPs passed MCAS requirements and earned their diploma, one student still needs to pass the Science.

GRANTS

The **Carl Perkins Grant** (\$181,687) provided funds for one instructor and a portion of two others. The remainder of the funds targeted curriculum revision and professional development. Funds were provided for professional development in Adobe Creative Suite software for Graphic Communications and Office Technology faculty. A course entitled: Common Core Mathematical Practices for the Vocational Instructor was also provided for professional development. It provided vocational instructors with knowledge of the Common Core Standards in Mathematics and the integration of these standards as part of the related classroom or shop curricula.

The **Special Needs 94-142** (\$328,353) provided salary and benefits for two special education teachers and the Extends after School Homework Support Program including transportation. Additional student services included contracted services for an MCAS math coach, a therapist to conduct a social group, services from Community Connections, and an Autism Consultant. A remedial program was purchased from JFYNet which provides modules in various academic areas to be utilized by the students with disabilities. The continuation of software for IEP development was supported by this grant and participation by two attendees to the CEC Council for Exceptional Children conference. Computers and software upgrades were purchased for the special education classrooms.

TITLE I (\$379,842) and **Title I Carryover** (\$63,307) provided partial salary and benefits for two reading teachers and four math teachers. A full-time secretary, a part-time at-risk-counselor, a part-time library paraprofessional, and a part-time parent liaison were also provided through this grant. Teacher stipends were provided for the Extends After-School and the RISE Early Morning programs as part of the supplemental services offered through the school-wide Title I project. Wilson Reading Specialists were also hired to provide reading support on an after school basis. After school transportation was provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays to students staying for Extends and Wilson Reading.

Title I & Title I Carryover will fund the summer transition program entitled "Bengal

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Challenge - Freshmen Summer Academy”, which includes a project coordinator, teachers, instructional and non-instructional supplies, and transportation. This fun program blends math, science and english skill builders with activities to familiarize the student with Diman. Field trips and physical challenges help build team spirit.

Title II Part A: (\$47,462) has been flexed into Title I grant and will offset the “Bengal Challenge”.

Academic Support (\$27,300) provided the class of 2014 with weekend support services in Math during the fall, English Language Arts in the Winter and Science in the Spring.

Vocational Program Equipment Grant (\$50,000) is a matching grant that was awarded this year and will provide approximately 50% of the funds for a CNC Water jet Cutter for the Metal Fabrication and Joining Department. Diman has two years to access these funds for the purchase of this equipment.

Diman continues to partner with the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Bristol Community College and the Workforce Investment Board to provide professional development to our faculty and to provide training opportunities to area residents under numerous grant programs.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) had another very successful year. The PAC at Diman provides the Academic Coordinator with parent input for matters related to the Title I allocation and services to students. The PAC also initiated its first “Parent Academy” focusing on Safety and Bullying Prevention. The first session was held in October and provided information from school personnel, the second, in February was provided by MARC (Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center) and their third in May was provided by FCD (Freedom from Chemical Dependencies). The PAC also raises funds to provide direct benefits to students and scholarships to graduating seniors. The PAC began their monthly meetings in August and provided information for parents at the New Student Parent Night held in September.

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) had several fundraising activities in 2012-2013. They held several raffles throughout the school year and the Key Club raised money for the PAC through two “Dress Down for a Cause” days. Friday Night Football at Diman was a source of revenue for PAC, as they continued to operate the concession stand and sold food at these night games. Other activities included Pancake Breakfast held in conjunction with the Diman Alumni Car Show, Parent Teacher Night, the Annual December Pancake Breakfast, Open House, Yard Sale/Car Wash, and their first Craft Fair. Through their fundraising efforts, twelve \$200 PAC scholarships were awarded to seniors who would be continuing their education. One \$700 PAC Service scholarship

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was awarded to a student whose parents/guardians have served on PAC for four years.

The Post-Prom Party is a major activity for The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and was again held in the gymnasium at Diman. Any graduating senior and a guest could attend the post prom. Over twenty-five PAC members, faculty and many LPN students volunteered for post-prom related activities including decorating, “manning” the phones, supervision, food distribution, and clean up. Over 275 students attended and many stayed throughout the night. Prizes were raffled off all night. IMG again donated a computer system and this was the main prize.

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The Senior Prom is a major undertaking for the Senior Class. The 2013 Prom Committee planned “A Knight in Camelot” themed event and chose a Cookie Dough fundraiser to defray the cost for students. The prom was held Friday, May 31, 2013 at the Marriott Hotel in Newport, RI. A 4’x 8’ sign designed by the committee members complete with lights greeting the seniors. In keeping with the theme, there were four ‘gaming’ opportunities offered to students in addition to dancing. The games offered were jousting (hobby horse and foam swords), sword fighting, ring toss and darts (foam). The committee decided to try a new DJ this year, J2 Entertainment, which was a total success. Mare Studios, our 2013 Yearbook photographer provided the opportunity for professional prom portrait packages. We also continued with New England Photo Booth- the photo booth which was introduced at 2011 prom.

Three hundred seventy-four tickets were sold. Thirty-three chaperones attended the event. Graphic Communications printed the prom tickets based on a senior’s design –A Knight in Camelot-Sword in the Stone graphic. Graphic Communications also printed this same design on 4’ x 8’ foamboard which we cut and added 100 white lights.

In the 2012 – 2013 school year, the Junior Class accomplished many valuable activities that were fun, educational and experiential. The Junior Class Committee decided the volunteer efforts would again support cancer research by sponsoring a Relay for Life Team, Claw out Cancer. Their team composed of thirty-two juniors and twelve chaperones raised \$10,230 for cancer research. Their other major fundraiser was the annual cookie dough sale which netted over \$26,000 to help defray the cost of the junior class trip.

Two hundred eighty students and twenty-seven chaperones participated in the Junior Class Trip to Six Flags New England. The theme for the trip was Team Diman. Baseball T-shirts were selected along with a drawstring bag. Every member of the junior class and chaperone received a T-shirt to wear on the trip so that all members of the group were easily identifiable at the theme part. The students all had a great time and really appreciated having a “day for them.”

ATHLETICS

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A total of 381 students (139 females, 242 males) participated in the athletic program, 57 athletes participated in 3 different sports, and 78 athletes participated in 2 different sports.

The 2012-2013 school year saw the Girls and Boys soccer teams qualify for the state tournament. The ice hockey team again qualified for the State tournament. The softball teams qualified for the state tournament and advanced to the south sectional semi-finals.

SKILLS-USA

Diman's Chapter of SkillsUSA had a very successful year in 2012-2013. Once again Diman was a 100% Participation Chapter with every secondary and post secondary student enrolled in SkillsUSA. Chapter officers attended the Fall Leadership Conference where all seven won leadership awards. The Diman SkillsUSA Chapter raised \$1,500 to support their designated charities, Be Like Britt Foundation (\$1,000) and Flutie Foundation for Autism (\$500). Diman held its annual Job Skills Demonstration in March 2013. A total of 11 students competed in five groups. The First place finishers in each category represented Diman at the State Leadership and Skills Conference in April.

Diman R.V.T.H.S. was honored to once again host the SkillsUSA District Competition in March. One hundred forty-seven students from Diman competed against 600 students from 7 other schools that make up the district. Diman students won a total of 64 medals. The totals are 20 gold, 23 silver, and 21 bronze. All gold and silver medal winners will advance to the State Championships in April. The event has been a perennial success for all attendees. Diman also held its annual Job Skills Demonstration in March with a total of 11 students competed in five categories. The First place finishers in all categories represented Diman at the State Leadership and Skills Conference in April.

The 39th Annual State Leadership and Skills Conference was held from Thursday, April 25th, thru Saturday, April 27th. Ninety students and twenty-five advisors attended this weekend long competition which was held in Marlboro, MA. Diman had eighty-six students compete in their trade area or leadership area. At the closing ceremonies, thirty-three students earned gold medals, twelve students earned silver medals and three students earned bronze medals. In June, the gold medal students along with their SkillsUSA advisors attended the annual State House Luncheon in Boston honoring all Gold Medalists, National Voting Delegates and State Officers. This event is sponsored by Senator Michael Rodrigues of Westport.

In June, thirty-three students, fifteen advisors, and Mr. Bentley attended the week long 48th National Skills and Leadership conference in Kansas City, MO. All of our students competed in their trade/leadership area. We are proud of all of our competitors. At the National Closing Ceremonies, six students earned gold medals,

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three students earned silver medals and eight students earned bronze medals.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The **Diman Cheerleaders** again had two successful seasons. During the fall season, they cheered at home football games, organized the Pep Rally, a Thanksgiving game performance, and decorated Whites in school colors for the Homecoming dance. They also participated in a number of competitions placing first in their division at the Whitman Hanson Invitational, beating their rivals (Bristol- Plymouth Regional) at the Mayflower League Competition, and placing second at the Regional competition which qualified them for the State Championships. Although they did not place, team spirit was strong and made them eager to make a bigger come back in the winter season.

Throughout the winter season, the cheerleaders attended home basketball games and attended tumbling classes to improve their skills for the winter competitions. The practice and lessons paid off when the varsity squad placed 1st in their league at the Bristol Plymouth Cheer and senior, Terrell Cabral, placed first in the jump competition winning a first place medal for his fourth year in a row. The cheerleaders then moved on to the regional competition placing 3rd in their division and finishing 5th in their division in the state.

The **Diman Diversity Club** met Friday mornings before school during the 2012-2013 school year to address topics including tolerance, respect, diversity among the students at Diman, and dispelling myths regarding race and sexual orientation. Discussions were held regarding a plan of action that would hinder issues of bias, bigotry, discrimination and prejudice within the confines of the school and out in the local communities. The club also discussed Diman's zero tolerance policy regarding bullying.

Diman's diversity club celebrated the National Day of Silence on April 25th. Students, faculty, and staff all helped to support this cause by wearing day of silence t-shirts. Proceeds from the event will fund a scholarship for a diversity club student. The club was also celebrated a week of diversity by offering various ethnic cuisines in the school cafeteria.

This year has been another great success for the **Diman Drama Club**, with twelve students participating from freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes. One of their major events was a night in April dedicated to Tim Burton and his movies. There was food, jewelry, and paintings (all student designed), that were for sale, as well as face painting and Burton themed games. The night was a great success and all students who participated had a wonderful time. Plans are in the works to continue this event night into next year, with the theme to be announced at the beginning of the 2013-14 school year.

The **International Club** traveled to London, Paris, and Rome over the April break. The group took an overnight flight to England where they started a walking tour of

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London seeing the Strand, Trafalgar Square, Leicester Square and Covent Garden. The guided tours included House of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral, Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace, and an excursion to Windsor Castle. Next was Paris by Eurostar and the guided tours included Place de la Concorde, Champs-Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, and the Eiffel Tower. The next day was a tour of the Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral and a ride in the London Eye in the evening. The tour ended in Rome via the overnight train and there a guide tour of the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Roman Forum, Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Spanish Steps. Thirty-seven (37) travelers, (26 students, 7 adults and 4 chaperones) had the opportunity to broaden their global understanding and experience the cuisine of three different countries. Students earned money to defray the cost of the trip by selling cookbooks, cookies, and pretzels.

Diman's Key Club had a very busy and productive year! Students kicked off their service activities at the Thanksgiving Pep Rally with the Annual Holiday Food Drive. Students were encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the Pep Rally. The collection continued with a competition among the shops to see which could bring in the most non-perishable foodstuffs. The Electronics was again the recipient of the Golden Can Trophy and free break for contributing the most food with Culinary entering the 1000 Can Club as a close second. The food drive was supplemented by monetary donations and fundraisers that supplied fresh produce, turkeys, butternut squash, rolls, and fresh pies from Diman's own Culinary Arts Department. For the second year, Key Club sponsored a "Take a Turkey to Work" campaign through which faculty and staff donated frozen turkeys. The HVAC Department made this possible by running a huge ice freezer for storage of the donated turkeys. The food drive resulted in 83 food baskets being distributed, each with a value of approximately \$75.00.

The Key Club held or sponsored a number of fundraisers to support both local and national service projects. Friday Casual for a Cause ran on a more intermittent basis this year, therefore less funds were collected and ultimately distributed. Some of the causes that benefited from Key Club fund raising were the American Cancer Society (approximately \$500), Daffodil Days (\$1,055), Relay for Life (\$350), the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasia (\$1,000), and Nikita Camara's Crusaders (\$4,000).

For Teacher Appreciation Week, Key Club along with National Honor Society and SkillsUSA, presented Diman teachers and staff with an engraved pen that also included the features of a stylus and a flashlight. The Key Club made its final appearance of the year at the 2013 Senior Awards Night and Graduation events where drinks, snacks, and "Class of 2012" memorabilia were sold.

The **National Honor Society** began the year with 29 seniors and 35 new candidates being inducted at the end of the year, 5 seniors and 30 juniors. Students were required to obtain 25 hours of community service and participate in two fundraisers and two

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community service projects. In December, the students once again participated in the annual Clothe-a-Child event, sponsored by the Salvation Army. With faculty support, Diman was able to help 74 children receive new coats, outfits, and toys this holiday season. NHS students also participated regularly in various community service projects and events at Diman. Students were involved in Parent/Teacher nights, Admissions Night, the Trade Fair Open House, and the Skills USA competition hosted by Diman. For the second time this year, NHS participated in UMass Dartmouth's annual Miles for Smiles walk in March, which funds mentoring programs for elementary schools in the Fall River area. This was also the third year for the annual Walk for Hunger, sponsored by Project Bread. This worthy cause raises money to help feed homeless families. The walk took place in Boston on Sunday, May 5th, and we had an even bigger turnout than last year. There were 41 students and 3 chaperones who participated in this 20 mile walk, and we were able to raise over \$1,500 for this charity, which was about \$300 more than what we raised last year. The junior members have once again decided to make this a mandatory community service event next year. In April, students took the initiative to help those affected by the bombings in Boston and sold gold and blue bracelets at lunches for several weeks. All total, students raised over \$600, which was donated to the One Fund, an organization that is currently helping the victims and their families.

The **Non-Traditional Students Club** held monthly meetings to discuss non-traditional career options, the benefits and challenges of enrolling in non-traditional shops, the school's policy regarding sexual harassment and discrimination, and decreasing the stigma of choosing a non-traditional career path. They also discussed any concerns students had regarding experiences they were having in their shops, how to work through perceived obstacles, and the numerous benefits of choosing a non-traditional career. During the 2012-2013 academic year, Diman's non-traditional senior students addressed the freshmen class. These extraordinary students did an excellent job in presenting the many positives of choosing a non-traditional shop. They also dispelled the myths of choosing a non-traditional shop and encouraged the freshmen to choose shops that they wanted despite the gender norms. Diman also served as host of the Annual Regional DESE non-traditional support meeting where multiple vocational schools were represented with over fifty students attending.

Twenty-six students participated in the **Photography Club** perfecting their craft and documenting Diman's events and activities. Fundamental composition principles were explained and learned throughout the year. Sharing and critiquing photographic works was a crucial part of our program. Students also learned basic photo retouching and color correction in Adobe Photoshop CS6. Students perfected their craft using SLR digital cameras. The students continued to foster a solid understanding through hands-on participation, documenting 20 Diman events this school year along with doing studio lighting with Mare Studios. These photographs were submitted for use on Diman's website, school and local newspaper, and yearbook. We produced 26 large images for a

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photography exhibit in the main gallery of The Narrows Center for The Arts, which runs from May 25 through June 15 this year. Two students competed at the SkillsUSA state competition earning silver and bronze medals. Their drive and success has inspired other students to compete next year.

Over fifty Diman students attended the **Spotlight Program** at UMASS Dartmouth and under the direction of UMASS Professor Dr. William Nelles. Students attended lectures on the complex issues of present day Afghanistan, Diversity, A Holocaust Survivor, Teens and the Law, Handwriting analysis, and attended mini – courses for Yoga, Acting, Guitar Lessons, Song Writing, Zumba, African Dance, Radio Announcing, Cooking, Genealogy, and The Art of Comic Strips. They also went to the batting cages and learned a bit of golf. There were field trips to Harvard University and New York City to visit the Metropolitan and the Natural History Museums. This year, students also went on the Boston Duck Tour during the fall semester. UMASS issues Spotlight Certificates. Spotlight students are eligible to live in the UMASS Honors dormitory if they choose to board at the school.

Fifteen Diman students were actively involved in **Student Government** this year. During the first part of the year, students had an anti-bullying summit held in the auditorium. It was monitored by the Student Government advisor and the Dean of Students. Two students from each shop were invited to attend as well as Student Government members. Many suggestions and a report were generated to present to the administration. Diman's first ever Friday Movie Night was held, but there was a small turn out and it was determined to cancel future nights. There was still ongoing discussion of Mentoring for freshmen at Diman at the student government meetings. Many Student Government students attended the Hunger Walk in Boston. Two students attended Student Government Day in Boston at the State House in April. Students also attended the SEMASC conference at Plymouth South High and were part of the state wide election process for Student Council. Student Government Officers attended the School Improvement meetings and the President delivered the student government reports to the school committee.

The 2012-2013 school year was transitional for Diman's school newspaper, ***The Tradesman***. The transition to an "all student" publication was more time consuming than expected resulting in only two issues this year. The fall/winter issue introduced a new feature Shop Talk that highlighted current undertakings in each of the 16 technical programs, a photo spread of athletic programs, an in depth article highlighting the Spotlight program, a historical piece about the Harrington Gate, and one feature piece about a student's hobby in stage makeup. All articles were student written and photographed. The layout and design took place in the media classroom. Although this was time consuming, the result was a student publication that was completely created by students.

The winter/spring issue featured a front page article about Dr. Fradkin's donation to

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the Diman library and his longtime involvement with education. Again, we ran the new feature Shop Talk, an in depth article about the Photography Club accompanied by a photo spread of student work, a recognition of the SkillsUSA district winners, two student written feature articles, and a brief article written by Officer Riley. Again, all writing, photography, layout, and design was completed by The Tradesman staff with printing and distribution by Graphic Communications.

For the fifth, consecutive year, the Diman Literary Magazine released three magazines featuring poems, short stories, and art work. The magazine advisors collaborated with webmaster and the Graphic Communications shop to release these issues, which were met with positive feedback from faculty members and students. The was released online only.

SMILES (the SouthCoast Mentoring Initiative for Learning, Education and Service) is in its third year at Diman and provides one-to-one mentoring to help children to realize their personal and educational potential. The mentors met after school in a supervised group setting. All SMILES mentors are screened and trained. The group programs are facilitated by a trained SMILES staff person. Six students participated in the program during the 2012-2013 school year.

FACULTY AND STAFF COMMITTEES

Diman was notified in 2011 that the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC) would visit the school in the fall of 2013 and conduct a decennial review of all programs, facilities, and operations. In preparation for that visit, every faculty and most staff were assigned to at least one NEASC Committee during the 2012-2013 school year to either plan for the event or conduct a self-evaluation of some aspect of the school. All scheduled half-days and most faculty meetings were devoted to these activities. By the end of the school year, faculty had prepared thirty-two individual self-evaluation reports, over forty pieces of back-up documentation, and finalized the plans for the NEASC Visiting Team's arrival in October 2013.

The **Professional Development Team** was not called upon until March 2013. PD prior to January was planned by Mrs. DeJesus in collaboration with Mr. Bentley and faculty input. Because Diman will be undergoing an NEASC accreditation review in October 2013, early dismissal days for students were added into the calendar to provide time for department and committee work related to NEASC. In addition, two after-school faculty meetings were scheduled each month, for NEASC as well as faculty communication with the principal and administration.

Professional development /trainings were offered on SkillsUSA Day, March 7, 2013 was a half-day and April 26, 2013 was a full day. On March 7th, faculty could choose to proctor the SkillsUSA Competition Exams or attend workshops on Gangs of Fall River, Cyberbullying, and Dangers of Texting/Sexting. On April 26th, teachers were provided their first introduction and overview of the New Teacher Evaluation Tool and First

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aid/CPR/AED training. An ELA workshop focused on Teaching Diverse Populations and Better Writing. Coaches participated in a computer-based training tailored to their certification requirements. An after-school course was also offered for vocational teachers through UMass Boston focusing on integrating the Mathematics Common Core Frameworks into vocational curriculum.

The **School Improvement Council** is composed of Diman faculty, parents, students, and community members. Meeting monthly during the school year, this committee reviewed the progress made on the 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan and monitored progress on the 2012-2013 School Improvement Plan. The Council also reviewed student and school data, set priorities, and developed the 2013-2014 School Improvement Plan which was provided to the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee at its June 2012 meeting.

The **District Strategic Planning Committee** is composed of Diman faculty and staff, parents, area business leaders, and community representatives. The Committee began meeting in January to revisit the five-year goals set by the original committee, review data, and determine progress to date on the 2012-2013 targets. Over the next few months, the Committee determined the extent to which targets had been met and developed the 2013-2014 Action Plan. Of the sixteen goal targets, ten had been fully met by May, two were in progress and expected to be met by the end of the school year, four needed to be revised for the new action plan, and one was deemed unattainable at this time. Although Diman met the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) targets for student achievement and improvement, the higher local Strategic Plan goals were not met. The target for Goal 6 (a renovation and addition for Diman) is on hold pending Massachusetts School Building Authority action. The Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee received the Committee's report and updated action plan at their June 2013 meeting.

The **District Technology Committee** reviewed and updated the information in the current District Technology Plan. Training was also provided on the use of the wireless laptop carts and several trainings on the use of "web fusion" during the school year. The Committee also reviewed a number of software products designed to support the new educator evaluation process and ultimately recommended one for implementation in the 2013-2014 school year. The Committee also developed and conducted a Technology Professional Development survey. Based on those results, a Moodle course and a technology integration course are planned for next year.

The **Faculty Mentoring Program** provides teachers new to the profession and/or new to Diman with orientation, support, and technical assistance at a critical point in their careers. Mentor teachers received professional training in teacher coaching and mentoring prior to being assigned a mentee. In 2011-2012, the initial year, Mentoring Program provided mentoring to five teachers new to the profession and two experienced teachers who were new to Diman. Six second year teachers received

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services in the Advanced Mentoring Program.

ANNUAL EVENTS

The third annual **Meet the Teacher Night** was held on October 4, 2012. Parents were invited to meet each of their sons' and daughters' academic teachers by following his/her daily class schedule thereby visiting each of his/her classrooms. Teachers prepared brief presentations providing parents with information about the course, curriculum, class expectations, and teacher contact information.

The **Vocational Advisory Committees** met on October 4, 2012 and April 4, 2013. These advisory groups are made up of faculty, parents, students, members of higher education, and members of the trade in each vocational area. The individual advisory committees review the shop performance and provide information on trade updates, equipment changes, employment trends, and post-graduate educational requirements. They also make recommendations regarding curriculum changes, equipment purchases, and long-term planning within each vocational area.

A **General Advisory Committee** was held following the individual vocational advisory meetings. The General Advisory Committee meeting provides an opportunity for the individual advisory committees to report departmental improvements and convey requests/recommendations directly to members of the administration and representatives of the School Committee. One spokesperson from each Vocational Advisory Committee represents the interest of that vocational department at the General Advisory Meeting. Vocational Advisory Committees and the subsequent reporting to the General Advisory Committee are an essential component of the success of each vocational department.

Pupil Personnel Services sponsored their 26th College Career Day on November 1, 2012 with thirty-nine colleges, technical schools and military represented. Junior, seniors and parents were invited to take advantage of the opportunity to speak with the representatives present.

Culinary Arts Department sponsored a **Gingerbread House Decorating event** with proceeds donated to the Key Club Food Drive. This Diman family event included a light supper, a pre-assembled gingerbread house (baked by Culinary Arts student), and frosting. Each family brought the candy and trimmings for their house. A visit by Santa topped off an enjoyable evening and a great family event that raised over \$400 for the food drive.

Diman's Open House was held on January 27, 2013. Diman's premiere event of the year, parents and guests had the opportunity to tour the school, visit shops, view student projects, and watch educational demonstrations. This event was open to the public and all were invited to see our students' great work.

The **3rd Annual Co-Op Job Fair** was held on March 27, 2013. Before holding the job

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fair, all students who wished to participate attended a training class, which was done by Youth Connect of Fall River. Over two hundred and sixty (260) students participated to attend the job fair, with over thirty-three (33) organizations represented. Some of the organizations represented were Xerox Corporation, Blount Fine Foods, Depuy/Orthopedics, Health First Family Center, Sovereign Bank, General Dynamics, the Fall River Police and Fire Departments, and many more. This was an amazing turn out with employers providing actual jobs, both co-op and/or full and part-time. Approximately forty-five (45) students were employed as a direct result of this event. Feedback from the employers at the job fair commented on how well prepared students were, their level of professionalism, and how presentable they were as well.

SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING 2012-2013

During the 2012-2013 school year, the School of Practical Nursing offered full-time day, part-time evening, and part time day training options utilizing over twenty clinical sites. A formal articulation agreement with the Registered Nurse Program of Bristol Community College continues to provide qualifying students with an advanced placement option in the RN program. A second articulation between the School of Practical Nursing and Diman High School Science Department allows qualifying graduating seniors' Anatomy/Physiology to be recognized by in the LPN Program.

The School of Practical Nursing Program admitted 48 full-time day students into its 2012-2013 class. Thirty two (32) students graduated on June 28, 2013 and ten (10) transferred to part-time to continue their study. The part-time Day Program graduated an additional eleven (11) students. The part-time Evening Program admitted seventeen (17) students. Diman Regional School of Practical Nursing is also proud to announce that 55 of its 56 2012 graduates passed their National Council of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN).

In addition to their work with the affiliated agencies, School of Practical Nursing students participated in many community projects including: Annual Diman Open House and After Prom Party, American Red Cross Blood Drives, and chaperoning Diman HS students to the Museum of Science and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. Students also participated in the post-graduate division of SkillsUSA with four students attending Nationals, three bringing home medals (a bronze, a silver, and a gold).

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET

FOUNDATION	REVENUE
Chapter 70 Foundation Aid	\$14,241,401
Community Assessments	6,715,829
Carry Forward	<u>460,360</u>
TOTAL	\$21,417,590

FOUNDATION EXPENSES:

1000 Administration	\$ 2,171,466
2000 Instruction	12,684,206
3000 Student Related Expenses	898,391
4000 Plant Operations/Maintenance	2,344,677
5000 Retirement & Insurance	<u>3,318,850</u>
TOTAL	\$21,417,590

TRANSPORTATION (By Regional Agreement)

Student Transportation Expenses	\$ 556,962
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid (55% Reimbursement)	306,329

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT	\$ 250,633
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	# Students	Ratio	Regional Assessment	Community Assessment
Fall River	1010	0.7481	\$ 250,633	\$ 187,511
Somerset	125	0.0926	\$ 250,633	23,207
Swansea	123	0.0911	\$ 250,633	22,835
Westport	<u>92</u>	<u>0.0681</u>	<u>\$ 250,633</u>	<u>17,080</u>
	1350		\$ 250,633	

TOTAL COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS

	Foundation	Transportation	TOTAL
Fall River	\$2,852,489	\$ 187,511	\$3,040,000
Somerset	1,358,329	23,207	1,381,536
Swansea	1,356,061	22,835	1,378,896
<u>Westport</u>	<u>1,148,950</u>	<u>17,080</u>	<u>1,166,030</u>
TOTAL	\$6,715,829	\$ 250,633	\$6,966,462

BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Following the annual election in May of 2013, the Board reorganized for the year at its first meeting electing, Scott O'Brien as Chairman, Stephen J. Rivard as Vice-Chairman, and John L. Walsh as Clerk.

The Board worked throughout the year administrating department policies and regulations and continues with planning for upgrades and improvements to the existing facilities and infrastructure.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

During this year the Board reviewed engineering design improvements to be completed at the Lee's River Pump Station; the construction phase of this project is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2014.

The Board also entered into an agreement Wright-Pierce Engineers to provide engineering services to examine the Risk Management Programs at both the Water and Water Pollution Control facilities which involve the use of chlorine at both locations.

The Board also initiated programs involving the inspection and cleaning of the Sewer collection system under the control of the Water Pollution Control Department in all areas of the Town.

Upon the passage of an article at the last regular town meeting the Board entered into an agreement with the engineering firm of Tighe and Bond to examine the existing equipment, facilities, services, and operation of this department. This examination should be complete in early summer of 2014.

WATER DEPARTMENT

In April of this year the Francis J. McCarty #2 well located in Dighton which provides water service to the residences in the north end of our community was taken out of service for 15 days for the inspection of the well and the replacement of the well pump. Also, during this year a new pump motor and variable speed drive was installed at this facility under an energy rebate program under the direction of National Grid Electric. These improvements will allow a more efficient operation of this facility.

The Board also worked during this year with the Water Commissioners of the Dighton Water District to define both suppliers' ability, along with each community's authority and came to a consensus on future operations within the Town of Dighton, where both water suppliers operate.

We wish to thank all town departments who continue to offer their assistance, our employees who provide these necessary services to our residents and our community

BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

for the continued support of the numerous projects undertaken by these two departments.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott O'Brien, Chairman
Stephen J. Rivard
John L. Walsh

WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning the calendar year 2013 the reservoir level was ninety one inches (91") below full pond. The highest pond level recorded for this year was five inches (5") above full pond on June 18, 2013. The lowest pond level for the year was recorded on December 30, 2013, at one hundred inches (100") below full pond.

During this year the Segregansett River Intake Station was operated for a total of 93 days, transferring a total of 427,405,000 gallons of water to the Somerset Reservoir.

Total rainfall recorded at the water treatment plant for the year 2013 was thirty-three point forty- three (33.43") inches.

This year the distribution system department concentrated its efforts on replacing service lines and fire hydrants on Compos Street, and Centre Street in preparation for the reconstruction of these roadways by the Somerset Highway Department. The Department also performed routine maintenance of distribution system equipment, repaired water breaks, and assisted with the installation of service connections and service line replacements in all areas of the town.

AMOUNT OF WATER PUMPED

Treatment Plant:	858,616,000 gallons
GP #2 well:	86,697,000 gallons
Total Delivered:	945,313,000 gallons
Daily Average to Mains	2,589,899 gallons
Highest Daily Pumpage:	4,178,000 gallons (07/16/2013)

GENERAL STATISTICS

Size of Main:	1 1/2" thru 30"
Total Length of Distribution System:	95.26 miles
Number of Hydrants now in service:	799

SERVICES

Kind of:	Cement Lined Wrought Iron, Galvanized Iron, Ductile Iron, Copper and Plastic.
Size:	3/4" to 10"
Number of Units Added in 2013:	2
Number of Units now in Service:	6807

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Lima
Superintendent & Plant Manager

WATER DEPARTMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET

	Adopted FY 2014	Proposed*	Inc/Decrease FY 2015
PERSONAL SERVICES	897,286	985,243	+87,957
PURCHASED SERVICES	364,160	404,385	+ 40,225
PROFESSIONAL & TECH	50,925	54,550	+ 3,625
SUPPLIES	95,480	111,180	+15,700
PUBLIC WORKS SUPPLIES	266,400	268,400	+2,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	50	50	0
DIGHTON TAXES	3,500	3,900	+400
FICA	9,155	9,300	+150
RETIREMENT	121,500	134,610	+13,110
SEMINAR/TRAVEL	3,600	6,000	+ 2,400
INSURANCES	276,545	277,915	+ 1,370
D.E.P. ASSESSMENT	11,500	11,500	0
ADMINISTRATION	7,500	7,500	0
OTHER CHARGES	12,650	7,200	-5450
REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	10,000	10,000	0
WATER UTILITY REPLACEMENT	20,000	20,000	0
DEBT SERVICE	1,012,286	1,005,740	- 6,546
TOTALS	3,162,537	3,317,473	+154,936

* Subject to change 3/4/2104

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

	Adopted Fiscal Year 2014	Selectmen's Recommendations	Change
113 TOWN MEETING			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTAL:	\$-	\$-	\$-
114 MODERATOR			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$400	\$400	\$-
EXPENSES	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTAL	\$400	\$400	\$-
122 SELECTMEN			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$122,815	\$122,969	\$154
EXPENSES	\$2,675	\$2,525	\$(150)
TOTAL	\$125,490	\$125,494	\$4
123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$108,237	\$108,237	\$-
EXPENSES	\$2,021	\$1,724	\$(297)
TOTAL	\$110,258	\$109,961	\$(297)
124 CONTINGENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$6,041	\$6,132	\$91
TOTAL	\$6,041	\$6,132	\$91
131 ADVISORY & FINANCE COMM.			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$3,350	\$3,350	\$-
EXPENSES	\$450	\$300	\$(150)
TOTAL	\$3,800	\$3,650	\$(150)
134 CENTREX TELEPHONE			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$33,500	\$30,000	\$(3,500)
TOTAL	\$33,500	\$30,000	\$(3,500)
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$158,637	\$164,932	\$6,295
EXPENSES	\$3,785	\$3,185	\$(600)
TOTAL	\$162,422	\$168,117	\$5,695

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

	Adopted Fiscal Year 2014	Selectmen's Recommendations	Change
136 ANNUAL AUDIT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$37,500	\$42,500	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$37,500	\$42,500	\$5,000
137 COMPUTER			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$59,600	\$58,600	\$(1,000)
TOTAL	\$59,600	\$58,600	\$(1,000)
141 ASSESSORS			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$112,679	\$112,755	\$76
EXPENSES	\$8,500	\$4,700	\$(3,800)
TOTAL	\$121,179	\$117,455	\$(3,724)
143 TAX FORECLOSURE			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$3,200	\$1,300	\$(1,900)
TOTAL	\$3,200	\$1,300	\$(1,900)
145 TOWN TREASURER			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$131,727	\$127,392	\$(4,335)
EXPENSES	\$37,830	\$33,250	\$(4,580)
TOTAL	\$169,557	\$160,642	\$(8,915)
146 TAX COLLECTOR			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$100,751	\$100,751	\$-
EXPENSES	\$25,050	\$25,050	\$-
TOTAL	\$125,801	\$125,801	\$-
151 LAW DEPARTMENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$170,000	\$163,550	\$(6,450)
TOTAL	\$170,000	\$163,550	\$(6,450)
161 TOWN CLERK			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$95,434	\$95,699	\$265
EXPENSES	\$5,750	\$5,650	\$(100)
TOTAL	\$101,184	\$101,349	\$165

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

	Adopted Fiscal Year 2014	Selectmen's Recommendations	Change
162 ELEC. & REGISTR.			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$8,500	\$17,500	\$9,000
EXPENSES	\$18,800	\$28,940	\$10,140
TOTAL	\$27,300	\$46,440	\$19,140
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$16,217	\$16,217	\$-
EXPENSES	\$600	\$-	\$(600)
TOTAL	\$16,817	\$16,217	\$(600)
175 PLANNING BOARD			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$6,550	\$6,550	\$-
EXPENSES	\$950	\$950	\$-
TOTAL	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$-
176 ZONING APPEALS BOARD			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$3,025	\$3,025	\$-
EXPENSES	\$4,550	\$4,050	\$(500)
TOTAL	\$7,575	\$7,075	\$(500)
181 ECONOMIC DEV. COMM.			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$500	\$450	\$(50)
TOTAL	\$500	\$450	\$(50)
184 CABLE ADVISORY COMM.			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,225	\$1,225	\$-
EXPENSES	\$781	\$775	\$(6)
TOTAL	\$2,006	\$2,000	\$(6)
192 TOWN OFFICE			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$95,515	\$97,673	\$2,158
EXPENSES	\$44,594	\$43,500	\$(1,094)
TOTAL	\$140,109	\$141,173	\$1,064
193 OLD TOWN HALL			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$4,875	\$4,875	\$-
TOTAL	\$4,875	\$4,875	\$-

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

	Adopted Fiscal Year 2014	Selectmen's Recommendations	Change
195 TOWN REPORTS			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$3,500	\$3,700	\$200
TOTAL	\$3,500	\$3,700	\$200
198 INSURANCE			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	
EXPENSES:	\$7,417,150	\$7,737,349	\$320,199
(Gen. Govt: \$3,245,696)			
(School K-8:\$4,676,653)			
TOTAL	\$7,417,150	\$7,737,349	\$320,199
199 FICA			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES:	\$335,000	\$251,500	\$(83,500)
(Gen. Govt: \$109,000)			
(School K-8: \$142,500)			
TOTAL	\$335,000	\$251,500	\$(83,500)
205 FIRE/POLICE STATION			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$36,091	\$37,358	\$1,267
EXPENSES	\$100,952	\$94,414	\$(6,538)
TOTAL	\$137,043	\$131,772	\$(5,271)
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$2,479,256	\$2,279,257	\$(199,999)
EXPENSES	\$176,162	\$176,162	\$-
TOTAL	\$2,655,418	\$2,455,419	\$(199,999)
215 E-911 DISPATCH			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$369,195	\$369,396	\$201
EXPENSE	\$11,369	\$11,369	\$-
TOTAL	\$380,564	\$380,765	\$201
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,438,323	\$1,423,577	\$(14,746)
EXPENSES	\$85,100	\$74,925	\$(10,175)
TOTAL	\$1,523,423	\$1,498,502	\$(24,921)

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

	Adopted Fiscal Year 2014	Selectmen's Recommendations	Change
241 BLDG.INSP./ZONING AGENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$55,189	\$52,780	\$(2,409)
EXPENSES	\$1,450	\$1,880	\$430
TOTAL	\$56,639	\$54,660	\$(1,979)
242 GAS & PLUMBING			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$21,750	\$25,611	\$3,861
EXPENSES	\$575	\$775	\$200
TOTAL	\$22,325	\$26,386	\$4,061
244 SEALER OF STANDARDS			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$-
EXPENSES	\$300	\$300	\$-
TOTAL	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$-
245 WIRING INSPECTOR			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$14,750	\$14,750	\$-
EXPENSES	\$372	\$252	\$(120)
TOTAL	\$15,122	\$15,002	\$(120)
291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$2,500	\$2,500
EXPENSES	\$12,327	\$6,770	\$(5,557)
TOTAL	\$12,327	\$9,270	\$(3,057)
292 DOG OFFICER			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$39,502	\$40,291	\$789
TOTAL	\$39,502	\$40,291	\$789
294 TREE WARDEN			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$500	\$500	\$-
EXPENSES	\$11,100	\$11,100	\$-
TOTAL	\$11,600	\$11,600	\$-
295 HARBOR MASTER			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$-
EXPENSES	\$5,030	\$5,030	\$-
TOTAL	\$9,030	\$9,030	\$-

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

	Adopted Fiscal Year 2014	Selectmen's Recommendations	Change
296 INSECT PEST CONTROL			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$400	\$400	\$-
EXPENSES	\$1,500	\$1,025	\$(475)
TOTAL	\$1,900	\$1,425	\$(475)
299 INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS			
REMOVAL OF DEAD ANIMALS			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTAL	\$-	\$-	\$-
410 ENGINEERING			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$42,529	\$42,529
EXPENSES	\$1,550	\$2,450	\$900
TOTAL	\$1,550	\$44,979	\$43,429
420 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$797,638	\$661,565	\$(136,073)
EXPENSES	\$44,430	\$43,930	\$(500)
TOTAL	\$842,068	\$705,495	\$(136,573)
423 SNOW REMOVAL			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$74,500	\$74,500	\$-
EXPENSES	\$85,500	\$85,500	\$-
TOTAL	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$-
424 STREET LIGHTS			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$-
TOTAL	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$-
425 TRAFFIC SIGNALS MAINT.			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$500	\$500	\$-
TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$-

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

	Adopted Fiscal Year 2014	Selectmen's Recommendations	Change
431 LANDFILL			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$-
TOTAL	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$-
440 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$878,556	\$873,040	\$(5,516)
EXPENSES	\$746,723	\$817,350	\$70,627
TOTAL	\$1,625,279	\$1,690,390	\$65,111
480 VEHICLE MAINT. FACILITY			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$111,194	\$110,944	\$(250)
EXPENSES	\$328,750	\$326,250	\$(2,500)
TOTAL	\$439,944	\$437,194	\$(2,750)
510 BOARD OF HEALTH			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$41,870	\$41,595	\$(275)
EXPENSES	\$2,500	\$1,150	\$(1,350)
TOTAL	\$44,370	\$42,745	\$(1,625)
522 TOWN NURSE			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$28,544	\$29,602	\$1,058
EXPENSES	\$475	\$475	\$-
TOTAL	\$29,019	\$30,077	\$1,058
541 COUNCIL ON AGING			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$85,727	\$68,514	\$(17,213)
EXPENSES	\$8,015	\$7,165	\$(850)
TOTAL	\$93,742	\$75,679	\$(18,063)
542 YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTAL	\$-	\$-	\$-
543 VETERANS BENEFITS			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$45,917	\$47,628	\$1,711
EXPENSES	\$306,550	\$306,550	\$-
TOTAL	\$352,467	\$354,178	\$1,711

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

	Adopted Fiscal Year 2014	Selectmen's Recommendations	Change
544 GRAVES REGISTRATION			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$425	\$500	\$75
EXPENSES	\$1,300	\$1,200	\$(100)
TOTAL	\$1,725	\$1,700	\$(25)
610 LIBRARIES			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$429,722	\$373,424	\$(56,298)
EXPENSES	\$130,135	\$122,080	\$(8,055)
TOTAL	\$559,857	\$495,504	\$(64,353)
630 PLAYGROUND & REC. COMM.			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$80,659	\$76,210	\$(4,449)
EXPENSES	\$4,850	\$4,450	\$(400)
TOTAL	\$85,509	\$80,660	\$(4,849)
633 PUBLIC OUTDOOR FACILITIES			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$31,374	\$31,074	\$(300)
TOTAL	\$31,374	\$31,074	\$(300)
691 HISTORICAL COMM.			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$1,750	\$1,700	\$(50)
TOTAL	\$1,750	\$1,700	\$(50)
692 PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$4,560	\$3,760	\$(800)
TOTAL	\$4,560	\$3,760	\$(800)
693 AMVETS			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-
TOTAL	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-
694 AMERICAN LEGION			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-
TOTAL	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

	Adopted Fiscal Year 2014	Selectmen's Recommendations	Change
695 VFW			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-
TOTAL	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-
	\$-		
696 MUNICIPAL & HISTORICAL BLDGS.			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$59,750	\$45,750	\$(14,000)
TOTAL	\$59,750	\$45,750	\$(14,000)
710 MATURING DEBT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES:	\$1,113,072	\$1,016,251	\$(96,821)
(Gen. Govt: \$866,251)			
(School K-8: \$150,000)			
TOTAL	\$1,113,072	\$1,016,251	\$(96,821)
753 INTEREST APPROP.			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES:	\$223,838	\$187,740	\$(36,098)
(Gen. Govt: \$163,177)			
(School K-8: \$24,563)			
TOTAL	\$223,838	\$187,740	\$(36,098)
832 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT			
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES	\$2,103,701	\$2,146,999	\$43,298
TOTAL	\$2,103,701	\$2,146,999	\$43,298
TOTAL GENERAL GOVT. EXPENSES:	\$22,033,332	\$21,821,827	\$(211,505)

Town of Somerset, Massachusetts
Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

ASSETS	General	Highway Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	21,140,762	198,898	4,937,221	26,276,881
Investments	3,386,673	-	-	3,386,673
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:				
Real Estate and personal property taxes	983,056	-	-	983,056
Tax Liens	711,056	-	-	711,056
Motor vehicle excise taxes	122,551	-	-	122,551
Departmental and other	113,663	-	652,097	765,760
Intergovernmental	154,924	1,083,145	14,572	1,252,641
Tax Foreclosures	20,573	-	-	20,573
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	26,633,258	1,282,043	5,603,890	33,519,191
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Warrants payable	610,179	-	-	610,179
Accrued payroll	1,280,463	-	-	1,280,463
Tax refunds payable	3,500,000	-	-	3,500,000
Other liabilities	412,591	-	-	412,591
Deferred revenues	1,877,655	1,083,145	652,097	3,612,897
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,680,888	1,083,145	652,097	9,416,130
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	-	-	262,144	262,144
Restricted	-	198,898	4,811,743	5,010,641
Committed	1,345,173	-	-	1,345,173
Unassigned	<u>17,607,197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(122,094)</u>	<u>17,485,103</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	18,952,370	198,898	4,951,793	24,103,061
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	26,633,258	1,282,043	5,603,890	33,519,191

Town of Somerset, Massachusetts
Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

REVENUES	General	Highway Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	37,853,137	-	-	37,853,137
Tax Liens	140,170	-	-	140,170
Excises	1,767,100	-	-	1,767,100
Hotel/motel tax	76,984	-	-	76,984
Charges for services	223,929	-	2,061,332	2,285,261
Interest, penalties and other taxes	200,140	-	-	200,140
Licenses and permits	353,209	-	-	353,209
Fines and forfeitures	102,615	-	-	102,615
Intergovernmental	15,891,044	587,248	1,815,016	18,293,308
Departmental and other	483,877	-	62,185	546,062
Investment income	293,676	-	25,178	318,854
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	57,385,881	587,248	3,963,711	61,936,840
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government	1,849,442	-	72,849	1,922,291
Public Safety	4,931,441	-	855,356	5,786,797
Education	27,504,565	-	1,876,214	29,380,779
Public Works	3,132,270	468,201	1,241,094	4,841,565
Health and human services	514,990	-	90,063	605,053
Culture and recreation	739,002	-	199,695	938,697
Pension benefits	11,595,079	-	-	11,595,079
Employee benefits	6,976,369	-	-	6,976,369
Claims and Judgements	-	-	-	-
State and county charges	458,415	-	-	458,415
Debt Service:				
Principal	1,197,895	-	-	1,197,895
Interest	251,938	-	-	251,938
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	59,151,406	468,201	4,335,271	63,954,878

Source: FY13 Audited Financial Statements
Powers, Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants

Town of Somerset, Massachusetts
Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
June 30, 2013

	General	Highway Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
Excess(deficiency)of revenues over expenditures	(1,765,525)	119,047	(371,560)	(2,018,038)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfer in	547,980	-	2,285,000	2,832,980
Transfers (out)	(768,273)	-	(285,481)	(1,053,754)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(220,293)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,999,519</u>	<u>1,779,226</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(1,985,818)	119,047	1,627,959	(238,812)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	20,938,188	79,851	3,323,834	24,341,873
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	<u>18,952,370</u>	<u>198,898</u>	<u>4,951,793</u>	<u>24,103,061</u>

Town Of Somerset, Massachusetts
General Fund

Schedule Of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes In Fund Balancebudget
And Actual-Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Budgeted Amounts		Final Budget	Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance to Final Budget
	Original Budget					
REVENUES:						
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	38,533,599	38,533,599		41,353,137	-	2,819,538
Tax Liens	-	-	-	140,170	-	140,170
Excises	1,525,000	1,525,000		1,767,100	-	242,100
Hotel/motel tax	72,000	72,000		76,984	-	4,984
Charges for services-sewer	163,707	163,707		223,929	-	60,222
Interest, penalties and other taxes	112,000	112,000		200,140	-	88,140
Licenses and permits	225,000	225,000		353,209	-	128,209
Fines and forfeits	60,000	60,000		102,615	-	42,615
Intergovernmental	6,648,748	6,648,748		6,613,044	-	(35,704)
Departmental and other	85,624	85,624		604,284	-	518,660
Investment Income	30,000	30,000		113,134	-	83,134
TOTAL REVENUES	47,455,678	47,455,678		51,547,746	-	4,092,068
EXPENSES:						
General government	3,012,049	3,086,849		1,849,442	401,971	835,436
Public Safety	5,175,356	5,485,856		4,931,441	341,134	213,281
Education	27,658,722	27,658,722		27,504,565	-	154,157
Public Works	3,468,940	3,468,940		3,132,270	96,821	239,849
Community services	495,356	535,056		514,990	-	20,066
Culture and recreation	782,044	1,282,044		739,002	505,247	37,795

Source: FY13 Audited Financial Statements
Powers, Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants

Town Of Somerset, Massachusetts
General Fund
Schedule Of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes In Fund Balancebudget
And Actual-Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts	Variance to
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Amounts	Carried Forward To Next Year	Final Budget
Pension benefits	2,431,422	2,431,422	2,317,079	-	114,343
Employee benefits	6,972,389	6,972,389	6,976,369	-	(3,980)
Claims and Judgements	-	-	-	-	-
State and county charges	427,921	427,921	458,415	-	(30,494)
Principal	1,206,606	1,206,606	1,197,895	-	8,711
Interest	224,360	251,938	251,938	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	51,855,165	52,807,743	49,873,406	1,345,173	1,589,164
EXCESS(DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(4,399,487)	(5,352,065)	1,674,340	(1,345,173)	5,681,232
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Other budget items	163,775	44,902	-	-	(44,902)
Free cash appropriated to fund current year budget	1,295,018	4,690,018	-	-	(4,690,018)
Use of prior year fund balance to fund carryovers	837,438	837,438	-	-	(837,438)
Transfers in	2,871,529	3,147,980	3,147,980	-	-
Transfers out	(768,273)	(3,368,273)	(3,368,273)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	4,399,487	5,352,065	(220,293)	-	(5,572,358)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	1,454,047	(1,345,173)	108,874
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	11,732,252	11,732,252	11,732,252	-	-
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	11,732,252	11,732,252	13,186,299	(1,345,173)	108,874

Source: FY13 Audited Financial Statements
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SOMERSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

“A YEAR IN REVIEW”

Chace, North, South and Wilbur Elementary Schools continue to provide rigorous educational opportunities to ensure that all students demonstrate academic, social, and emotional growth. All four schools uphold the belief that all of our students will leave Somerset Elementary Schools with the twenty-first century skills needed to help ensure college and career readiness as they progress through their educational journey.

Each school is supported by a teaching and support staff that includes both new and veteran educators with a strong knowledge base. Each principal has built in the mentoring time needed for new teachers to learn district programs and initiatives from their veteran colleagues. In recruiting new teachers, we continue to search for those who are dually certified in elementary and special education. Our teachers take pride in their ability to celebrate students' strengths, which keeps students engaged and motivated. Teachers also take the time to identify the individual academic needs of students and provide support as needed.

With the support of the Director of Curriculum, elementary teachers participated in various professional development throughout the year to help meet the needs of our diverse student population. Professional development opportunities were provided to our staff to address the educational, social/emotional, and safety needs of our learners. Teachers received training in mathematical problem solving, open response writing, and the new teacher evaluation system (which aligned with state regulations). Crisis Prevention and Intervention training was provided to staff throughout the school district. Many teachers continued to pursue professional development in order to better serve our English Language Learners. The 2012-2013 school year ended with professional development on Somerset Public Schools' upcoming Response to Intervention initiative. Somerset Public School has continually provided opportunities for our faculty and staff to further their own pedagogical knowledge.

All four schools continued to use PATHS (Positive Alternative Thinking Strategies) as our social-emotional curriculum for grades K-5. New teachers were provided with professional development regarding the implementation of this research-based curriculum. Teachers implemented lessons twice a week which encouraged students to identify their emotions and utilize appropriate coping strategies. Students throughout the four elementary school were exposed to the same strategies and vocabulary associated with calming techniques, bullying prevention, and conflict resolution. In addition, our monthly character education programs encouraged students to show respect and tolerance towards peers and adults.

In order to align our curriculum with the new Massachusetts Frameworks and Common

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Core State Standards, our teachers participated in rigorous curriculum development over the course of the year. For example, a new English/Language Arts curriculum map was developed and implemented during the 2012-2013 school year. As a result of the new map, students were able to develop a deeper understanding of the concepts and skills needed in regards aspects of language arts and literacy.

This year, we continued to purchase technology that enriched both teaching and learning. The use of document cameras in the classroom allowed teachers to quickly project student work onto a white board or screen. Our SMART boards gave students an opportunity to interact with curricular material in a fun and meaningful way. Each school is equipped with portable laptop carts, which has the ability to make any elementary classroom a state-of-the-art wireless computer lab. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 5 have had multiple opportunities to develop their twenty-first century technology skills while enriching their knowledge of content and skills in several content areas. Students learned research skills, presentation development, and word processing. In terms of software, we continued to use IXL math for grade 2, Study Island for grades 3, 4 and 5 and Lexia for grades K, 1 and 2.

Parents, guardians, and members of our community continued to contribute to the school improvement process through their participation in School Council and/or PTO. Our School Councils assisted with the development of our school improvement plans. Our Parent-Teacher Organizations planned various family nights and fundraisers to provide our students with rich learning experiences. In addition, our parent groups supported several charitable initiatives such as food drives, collecting gifts for the needy, volunteering with the elderly and collecting funds for a variety of charitable organizations. The 2012-2013 school year ended with a culminating activity for all elementary students organized by the four PTO groups.

Through the support of parents, teachers, and community members, our students continued to experience academic and emotional growth. Moving forward, Somerset Public Schools, in a collaborative effort with the Somerset School Committee, Central Office Administration, Elementary Principals, Classroom Teachers, and Support Staff will develop and implement programs to meet the needs of all of our learners.

SOMERSET MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Somerset Middle School is focusing on developing our 600+ students with knowledge and skills that will prepare them not only for high school but also with career and college ready skills to be successful in an increasingly global and technological society. The administration and faculty at Somerset Middle School are highly qualified and committed

SOMERSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

to student achievement. A new schedule that increased instructional math time by 50% was implemented in September 2011 which resulted in an increase in the spring 2013 math MCAS growth percentile. A co-taught teaching model in Mathematics and English Language Arts has been in place for three years and we continue to add new technology for both our students and faculty.

Engaging the community has been an ongoing initiative for all schools. The following is a list of ways that Somerset Middle School students' have engaged the community and how the community has engaged the students:

- Community Service Committee and Community Service Club assist students, parent/guardians, and the community with student volunteerism
- Continental Math League participants, facilitated by the middle school math content coordinator, to date have raised \$61,883.73 for St. Jude's Children Hospital
- A school-wide Veterans Assembly - members of our community share their experiences
- Transition open houses and parent meetings (elementary to middle and middle to high)
- Transition open houses and informational meetings for grade 8 students to attend area vocational schools
- Parent workshops and seminars
- Bullying and harassment informational workshops for students, faculty, parents, and community
- P.A.C.E. sponsored speaker workshops
- Food drives to support the local food pantries
- Clothing and toy drives to support local shelters and hospitals
- Collection of supplies for troops overseas
- Chorus, and band perform locally
- We offer on line grading communication for parents and students
- We offer Monday – Thursday Homework Club
- We offer Monday – Thursday Intramurals
- We offer several middle school sport teams (boys' soccer, girls' soccer, football, fall cheerleading, winter cheerleading, field hockey, boys basketball, girls basketball, softball, baseball, cross country)
- We offer music ensembles (drama, jazz band, symphonic band, marching band, concert band, chorus, and select ensembles)
- Green Team collections on a weekly basis
- The School Council is made up of community members, parents, and teachers
- We encourage two-way communication between school and home and between school and the community

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- Weekly bulletin posted on school website
- Student art work displayed at various buildings throughout town
- English Language Arts classes participated in a Veterans essay contest
- Lions Club Peace Poster Contest participants and Boston Globe Scholastic Art Contest
- SMS was represented at Massachusetts Project 351 (state wide community service)
- Town sports leagues use the facilities six days/nights per week
- Local police department uses the facility for P.A.L.
- Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troup meetings are held at Somerset Middle School

Additionally, there is interaction between the parents and the schools starting with open house, parent teacher conferences, PTO, athletic meetings, Friends of Music, School Council, parent workshops, music group concerts, play productions, and many other events.

The middle school students demonstrated their levels of achievement through spelling and mathematics meets, art and music competitions, essay competitions, MCAS test, and science fair competitions. The students have field trips to local theaters for live productions, RISD Art Museum, Higgins Museum, Boston Science Museum, Boston Duck Tour, and ski trips. Guest speakers on Native American culture, veterans, authors, and Africa enriched our students with their knowledge and experiences. The eighth grade class traveled to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for a trip packed with learning opportunities, visiting our Nation's most prestigious buildings and grounds.

The Renaissance Program recognized students monthly who reflect the qualities of "Pride and Respect". They are truly what make the middle school stand above the average. These students are ambassadors to their teachers, classmates, and community members by assisting them in random and repeated acts of kindness. They signify through their actions what Pride and Respect truly mean.

The middle school years provide each student with the wonderful opportunity to discover his or her unique talents and gifts. With the support of family, teachers, and community the students can continue their educational journey far into the 21st century.

SOMERSET BERKLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

This year saw many individual and collective accomplishments. As an entire school community we have been designated a commendation school due to our high MCAS scores. This is a designation reserved for only a handful of schools in Massachusetts. Subsequently, our school also achieved Level 1 status for the first time in the history of Somerset and Somerset Berkley.

This Level 1 designation and commendation school award is the result of the hard work of all teachers and content coordinators as well as the perseverance and hard work of all students. In this way, our school has successfully gained a foothold in the top echelon of high schools in Massachusetts.

Our students won numerous awards at the local, state and international science fairs. In addition, our Envirothon team ranked in the top ten at the State Competitions. Athletics at our school continues to perform well on the courts and fields but also maintains the high expectations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship. Coaches and athletes continue to be respected ambassadors for Somerset Berkley High School. Our students continue to strive toward greatness in many realms. This includes academics, athletics, and fine arts. The following are some of the many accomplishments of our school:

ATHLETICS AND WELLNESS

1. The new stadium was built allowing field hockey and football to hold athletic contests at home. Cross Country was able to use the track for workouts.
2. A full time Athletic Trainer was hired to ensure the safety of ALL student-athletes.
3. A new wellness elective, Personal Fitness and Management, was offered this school season incorporating an interdisciplinary class between the health and physical education staff members.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

1. There is a New Business Curriculum and Catalog which includes courses such as: Entrepreneurship, Sports and Entertainment, and Tourism. These new courses reflect current trends in education, the 'world of work' and business in the 21st century.
2. Curriculum is being prepared and hardware designed to fit the new school configuration. This includes upgrades to CAD, Robotics, Engineering Design and Media Production to support 3 Dimensional printers and Model Makers, 2nd Generation Robotics, and Media Production curriculum which will be suitable for the new facility and 21st century learning.
3. Interdisciplinary Business/Guidance collaboration implemented a college and career seminar program for all incoming freshmen which will provide a much

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improved assistance program at a time when high school students require an extra level of help and opportunity.

FINE ARTS

The Art Department presented the exhibit “Twenty Six” in December. This exhibit was in remembrance of the 20 children and 6 adults who were killed in the Sandy Hook shooting December 14, 2012. It was a collaborative exhibit that showcased the diverse talents, depth of experience, and maturity of students enrolled in the Advance Ceramics Studio, Advanced Metals and Stained Glass Studio, and Advanced Placement Digital Photography Studio courses as well as students enrolled in the Metal Fabrication and Joining Program at Southeastern Regional Technical High School.

The 40th annual Musictown Festival was a huge success with several concerts, field shows and parade. This year saw the return of approximately 175 alumni who performed with various groups.

The Somerset Berkley “Blue Raider” Marching Band had a very successful fall season. They won the 2013 USBands Division 2A Massachusetts State Championship at the USBands New England Championships in Bridgeport, CT on October 26th. They then went on to win the 2013 NEBSA Division 2 New England Marching Band Championship on November 2nd in Lawrence, MA. Later that evening, the band was welcomed back home by the Somerset Police Department who gave them a championship police escort back into town, stopping traffic along the route back to the High School.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Jahmal Mosley
Principal

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